

th
Wednesday March 8 1858

Meet in open town meeting according to Adjurment at One

O'clock P M and preceded to buissness-----

th
15 Voted that the Highway Surveyors to be field drivers
and fence Viewers

th
16 Vote that School Districts Choose their own Agents

th
17 Choose R A Chapman Timothy Gilman Chapman -- Chas R
Lock X Asa PR Knights as Tything Men

Choose Timothy Ayre	Freelon Bartlett
Abramham Bryant	Stephen Needham
Moses A Mason	Cyhrus M Horden
Eli Twitchell	John Abbot
Jesse D Hodson	James M Pool

as Sex(t)ions-----

th
18 Choose A H Gerish Pinckney Burnham
Elias S Barlett XE H Chapman

as Surveyors of Lumber

th
19 Choose William Gerish and Robbins Brown Surveyors of
Wood and Bark and Sealers of Leather.

th
20 Voted to raise twenty five hundred Dollars to repair
High Ways & Build Bridges

st
21 Voted to raise twelve hundred Dollars to Defrey town
charges ----

nd
22 Voted to raise what the law allows for the Support of
Schools-----

th

- 28 Voted to Except the report report of the Selectmen on
Petition of Hiram Hodgson and others in regard to Roads
th
29 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen on Petition
of Charles E Paine and other in regard to Roads
th
30 Voted to accept the report of Selectmen on Petition of
T C Kimball in regard to Road
st
31 Voted to accept the report of Selectmen on Petition of
Daniel Dame and others in regard to Road.

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- d
Article 32 Voted to set of Lyman Bierd together with his
Personal and real Estate from Dist. No 14 on to
Dist No 10-----
th th
33 Voted to pass over article 38
th
34 Voted to Set of George W Bean together With his
Personal & real Estate from District No 21 to
Dist No7
36 Voted to Discontinue the road leading from
Hiram Days Howard Leam to land owned by
Stephen Cummings on Petition of E S Bartlett

Adjourned Without day

Moses Patta Moderator

Recorded by Charles Mason

Town Clerk

th
Oxford ss. March 6 1858 L W Russell having been Chosen
as Highway Surveyor at the last anuel town Meeting Per-
sonally appeared before me and was Sworn to perform the
faithfull and impartiral duties of the Office

Charles Mason Town Clerk

Oxford ss March 6/58 Personally appeared John C Stearns
and took oath proscribed by Law to qualify him to discharge
the duties of Highway Surveyor

Before me Elias M Carter jutice Peace

Attest

A true copy of the original Certificent

Attest Charles Mason Town Clerk

Oxford ss April 17 1858

Personally appeared Olive Y Nutting and Moses
Chandler and took the oath proscribed by law to quallfy them
to discharge the duties as Highway Surveyors in the town of
Bethel for the year 1858

Before me Hiram Hodsden Justic Peace

Attest Chas Mason Town Clerk-----

Oxford ss March 11 1858

Personaly appeared Samuel B Twitchell and John
Barker and Chas Penly before me and were Sworn to discharge
the duties of Highway Surveyors as the Law directs in the

town of Bethel for the year 1858

Charles Mason Town Clerk

Oxford ss March 11 1858

Personally appeared R A Chapman before me and was
Sworn as the Law directs to perform the duties as Tythingman
in the town of Bethel

Charles Mason Town Clerk

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To Mighill Mason one of the Constables of the Town of Bethel
In the county of Oxford Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine You are hereby
required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Said town of
Bethel qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs to assemble
at the town house in Said town on Monday the twenty Second
day instant of March at one o'clock in the afternoon to vote
on the following Articles to wit (viz)

- st
1 To choose a Moderator to govern Said Meeting
nd
2 To choose a Town Treasurer
rd
3 To choose a Constable
th
4 To choose Audetors of accounts
th
5 To See what action the town will take in election to
changing in the School Book
th
6 To See what instraction the town will give the commit-
tees that were chosen to partition the County Commis-

sioners to discontinue the Road or any part of the Same leading from Moses A Mason to Bethel Hill and to meet with them the Said commissioners when in Session at Bethel or to reconsider the vote whereby the Said committees were chosen

th
7 To See what discount the town will vote to make to those who will pay money by the fifteenth (15) of June next instant of Labor for the Highway Pay and to direct how the Money paid in Shall be expanded.

th
8 To See what causes the town will direct to build roads and Bridges

th
9 To raise Money to Build Roads and Bridges

th
10 To See if the town will direct committee to partition the County

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Commissioners to discontinue the alteration Made in the Road from Bear River to Moses A Mason at the Same time they partition for a discontinuance of the Road from Moses A Mason to Bethel Hill

th
11 To See if the town will build a Pound or Pounds

th
12 To See if the town will chose a Pound or Pounds Keepers

th
13 To See if the town will chose a Sealers of Weights and Measures

th
14 To Act on any other buisness that May legally come before Said Meeting

st
1 Chose John Brown Moderator

And he was duly Sworn into office by the town Clerk
before entering upon the duties of Said office according
to Law.

nd
2 Chose Daniel A Twitchell Town Treasurer and he was Sworn
into office by the Clerk according to Law

rd
3 Chose Benjamine Freeman Constable

th
4 Chose O'N W Robinson R A Fogr and Elias S Bartlett as
auditors of accounts E S Bartlett was Sworn by the Mod-
erator according to Law to fullfill the duties as
Auditor

th t
5 Voted that article fith be left with the Sup School
Committee in regard to the change of School Books in
town

th
6 Voted that the Subject of Partitions the County Commis-
sioners to discontinue the road or any part thereof from
Moses A Mason to Bethel Hill be left desesessionarily in
the Committees hands that they be autherised to employ
cerueil But they are instracted to use theri influnce
aganist a free Bridge acrost the Andesscoggin River in
Bethel

th
7 Voted that all those who pay monney in to the Treasurer
on or before the 15th of June next Shall be allowed a
discount of two Shillings on a Dollar from their Highway
Taxes and the Selectmen May have the Power to lay Said
Monney out on Highways as they may Think proper in Said
town

th
8 Voted to pass over article Eight

th
9 Voted to Raise one hundred and fifty Dollars to be
Expended on the Greenwood Road the pressent Sea/???

Voted

to Raise one hundred and fifty dollars to be Ex-
pended on the Bryant Hill Road So called and on the Road
leading from Locks Mills to the Free Meeting House near
Beans Corner by the Selectmen as they may think proper

th
10 Voted that the Patitoning Committee if they Patition to
the County Commissoners to discontinue anny part of the
Road from Moses A Mason to Bethel Hill that they Shall
include the Road leading from Bear River to Moses A

Mason

th th
11 Voted to pass over article Eleventh 11

th
12 Choose # Mighill Mason and # Timothy Capen and Charles
R Locke as Pound Keepers and those Marked thus # were
Sworn into office by the Town Clerk in open town
Meeting acording to Law----

13 Voted that the Pound Keepers yeards be Pounds

14 Chose Daniel A Twitchell Sealers of Weights and
Measures-----

Attest John Brown Mod-----

Recorded by Chas. Mason Town Clerk

To Mighill Mason one of the Constables of the town of Bethel
in the County of Oxford Greeting

In name of the State of Maine you are hereby requir-
ed to Notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said town of
Bethel qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to assemble
at the town house in said town of Bethel on Monday the
Seventh day of June next at ten Oclock in AM fore Noon to
act on the following Articles to wit

- First To Choose a Moderator to govern Said Meeting
 nd
2 To Choose one Selectman
 rd
3 To Choose one Assessor
 th
4 To transact any other bussines that may legelly come
 before Said Meeting

Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of May AD
1858

Elias M Carter	{	Selectmen
D F Brown		of
		Bethel

Oxford SS

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified
and warned the inhabitnats of Said Bethel qualified by law
to vote in town affairs to assemble at the time and place
and purposes within named by posting up two copys of the
within at the places the town voted to have them put

Mighill Mason)	Constable
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Fees

\$1.50

of
Bethel

Bethel June 7/58

Attest Copy

Charles Mason { Town Clerk

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Bethel June 7 1858 Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the inhabitants of Said Bethel legal voters in Said town Meet at the time and place therein Specified and the meeting having been duly opened by the town clerk proceded to bussiness as follows-----

First Choose E M Carter Moderator and he was duly Sworn by the town Clerk according to Law

nd
2 Choose N. W. Eathredge Selectman he was duly Swon according to Law

rd
3 Choose N W Eathredge Assessor and he was Swon According to Law

E M Carter { Moderator

Attest

Charles Mason { Town Clerk

To Mr Elias M Carter Charman of the bard of Selectmen and Assessors of the town of Bethel

Dr Sir as it is my intention to change my residence and move out of town it becomes my impenature duty to resind

my office as one of your board and as it is Nessurary that
the vacany which will accure Should be filled I give ameadia-
ate notice that I have resigned my office

Bethel May 29 1858

Respectfully Yours

Moses Houghton

Attest

Charles Mason } Town Clerk

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To Mighill Mason one of the Constables of the town of
Bethel

You are hereby required in the Name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of
Bethel qualified to vote for the choice of State officers to
assemble at the town house in Said town of Bethel on Monday
the Seventh day of June next at Twelve Oclock noon to give
in their votes in relation to an act entittle "An Act to
ration and regulate the Sale of intoxicating liquors and to
prohibit and Supprisis (Suppress) Drinking houses and traf-
ficking Shops" off round April Seventh Eighteen hundred and
Fifty Six and in relation to an act entittled "An Act for
the Suppresis (supression) of drinking houses and traf-
ficking Shops" approved March twenty fifth Eighteen hundred
and Fifty Eight

Dated at Bethel the twenty fouth day of

May AD 1858

Elias M Carter

D F Brown

Selectmen

of

Bethel

Oxford SS

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by Law to vote for State Officers to assemble at the place and time and purpose within named by posting up two copies of the within at the places the town voted to hav them post

Fees

Mighill Mason

Constable

\$1.50

Bethel June 7 1858

of

Bethel

Attest

Chas Mason Town Clerk

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Bethel June 7 1858

Pursuant to the foregoin Warrant the inhabitants of the town of Bethel meet at the time and place therein Specified and the Meeting having been opened by the town Clerk Procided to bussness as follows-----

Whole No. of Votes for the Probibition Law of 1858

One hundred & Sixty four----

164

Whole No. of Votes throegn? (given?) for the License

Elias M Carter	Selectmen
D F Brown	of
N W Eathredge	Bethel

Attest

Charles Mason Town Clerk

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We hereby certify that the following is a complete list of
the Soldiers in town of Bethel-----

George Ackly	Samuel Brock
Jacob Annis	Adison Bean
John F. Allen	Pinckney Burnham
B A Annis	Robbins Brown
George C Atherton	Wm F Brown
Charles D Atherton	Albion P Blake
Joseph Arno	J H Ballard
Charles L Abbott	Freeland Bartlett
Andand J Ayer	Wm F Brown
James C Ayer	Henry R Bartlett
	Joseph Brown
Gilman Blake	Galon Blake
Christpher C Bean	Franklin Bean
Josiah Brown 2d	A P Bartlett

G H Bean	Jonas W Bartlett
Benj F Brown	Henry H Baley
Francis C Bean	James F Bird
Aaron P Beattie	Eljiah Brown
Chas H Buck	Welmington Bird
I N Bean	C C Bean
James F Bird	Hiram Bean
Eph. Bryant	James O Brown
Janus S Bryant	Chas M Brown
Elephz C Bean	James M Bartlett
Eben U Bartlett	Orin Brown
Elias S Bartlett	Bartlett Brown
Asa S Bartlett	E C Bean
Gilman Bean	A S Burbank
Spencer L Bartlett	H P Brown
Curatio Bartlett	John Barker
H F Barker	
Freeland Bennet	Albial Chandler Jr
G D Blake	Ringsbury Curtis
W R Bean	Moses Chandler Jr
Eli W Bean	William Crooker
Nathan G Beacon	John S Colby
	Jacob A Chase

A S Chapman	Martin R Ethera(d)ge
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L H Chase	N W Ethera(d)gr
Washington Crooker	Augustus Estes
George F Cook	Stephen L Ethera(d)gr
C L Capen	Ellis
Issac N Cook	
Henry Cook	E G Fifield
Eber Clough	Edwin Farrow
Moses Coborn	D F Foster
E S Coswell	Absalom Fanwell
F S Chandler	D L Fanwell
William Chandler	B B Farewell
L W Caswell	G E Farewell
Gilbert Chapman	W F Foster
Almon Cates	Leonard Farewell
N G Chapman	R A Frye
E H "	M C Foster
Chas Crosby	John E Fanuell
B W Clark	Chas W Fanull
Jonathan Cross	Davis Farewell
Rosco F "	Franklin Fallnishe
L H Chapman	
John S Chapman	Alex Grover
A P Chapman	O P Grover
	William Gerrish
Gardner Dalrimple	L F Gibson
J Dudley	Edward Goddard
Benje Dyer	D F Grover

John L Dylton	D M "
Daniel L Dumpe	H D "
	Almon "
George F Ellingwood	N W "
W R Eames	H P "
A P Eames	Pason "
C S Edwards	Newton "
James L Estes	E R Godard
E Evrleth	W H "
D A Edwards	Charles "
Richard Estes ^d 2	W F Gossom
Charles Estes	John Garland

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Jason Gay	I C Kimball
Mason Goss	Daniel Keneston
Austin Grover	Ithiel "
-----	Moses F Kimball
N P Hodgesden	Moses S "
Moses Houghton	Joseph W "
J D Hastings	Israel J Kimball
Jesse D Hodgesden	S W Kilborn
Hiram "	A P Knight
William O Holt	James Keys
A D Holt	-----
I P Holt	Hez Lapham

Joseph Holt Jr	Chas "
Alonzo Howe	Amos "
James W Hall	Joseph J "
S R Hutchins	C C Littlehale
Stephen Holt 2d	Baxter A Lyon
James "	Mark H Leach
E E "	James G Long
Galen C "	J Lovejoy
H B "	-----
John H Hapgood	Chas Morrill
William "	Sewall McGill
J R Heath	N W Mason
Josiah "	Woodsome "
J B Hammon	W W "
C M Harden	Thomas Mobury
D O Hall	Sylvanus Mason Jr
Milton "	Mose A "
St John Hastings	Edmund Merrill Jr
C Morkell *	O R Mills
Elliss	Joseph X Merrill
-----	Nelson Mills
R M Jorden	S J "
Jeramiah "	W M "
King Jorden Jr	Mighill Mason
	Eeli I "
P H McLochlin *	Chas "

* The Clerk's handwritting was so bad I had trouble reading it on the film and in the souce document. NHM

Barry McGolly

Artmus P Mason

H B McLawlin

Albion P "

O H Mason

Geo H MacNsrnll *

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reading it on the film and in the souce document. NHM

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N H Newell

Seth E Smith

O J Nutting

I S "

Dudley Needham

G D "

John " 2^d

Orsan "

Rewell W "

S F "

Stephen H "

James "

John W Sanborn

Isiarah Penly

Chas J Stearns

Chas F "

Albert "

Moses Pattee

Eli Swan

J A Paine

Edmund G Stringer

R L "

Cyrus Swift

J W Phillips

Benj Stevens

William Parker

John S Swan

James M Poot

G K "

George W Parsons

N F "

A H Pattee

O B "

B Plummer

E D Stiles

William P Putman

Hosa Ripley

John I "

Joseph I "

John B Rowe

Almon F "

Celon "

Moses A Russell

I B Robertson

Moses H "

ON W Robinson Jr

Selon Robertson

I D Russell

C I "

I W "

John B Riply

Eben Richardson Jr

Edward I "

Eli F "

I C Russell

G H Robertson

Dwight Rose

A D "

William Stowell

Asa N "

Lewis A Sanborn

Jerome "

John C Stearns

James C "

Nathanial Stiles

Alanson "

Chas D Smith

G C "

Nathanial Stearns

Joseph A Twitchell

D A "

Chas Tubbs

Albert Twitchell

John Temple

Hiram Twitchell 2^d

Jonathan Tyler

Samuel B Twitchell

A B Twitchell

Theodore Verrill

James B Walker

Clifford Wheeler

Hriam Wilson

Galen Wheeler

Eli "

Seth Wight Jr

Silas G Wheeler

Phelp Wheeler

Hiram Young

Amos A "

Edwin F York

Daniel J Young


Willby R York

Josiah P Young

We hereby certify that the following is a correct list
of the Soldiers in the Town of Bethel June 12 AD 1858-----
According to our best belief

Elias M Carter	Selectmen
D F Brown	of
N W Etherdgr	Bethel

A true Copy

Attest Chas. Mason  Town Clerk

Oxford SS July 24/58 David F Brown haveing been Chosen as one of the Constables for the town of Bethel the ensuing year at the last Annul town Meeting Personally appeared before me and took the oath according to Law

Charles Mason Town Clerk

To Mighill Mason Constable of the town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in Said town on Monday the thirteenth day of September instant at nine O clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit-----

- 1st To Chose a Mod-- to govern Said Meeting
- 2nd To See what method the town will take to repair the Road from D F Browns to Samuel Andrews and the Road from Milton to Hamblins Grant
- 3rd To See what corse the town Will direct in relation to damages clammed by Tell Green for injury recived in March last to himself & horse
- 4th To See corse the town must take to pay out Standing orders aganist the town
- 5th To transact any other bussness that may legally come

before Said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this Second day of
Sept AD 1858

E M Carter	Selectmen
D F Brown	of
N W Ethredge	Bethel

Oxford SS

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified
and warned the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to
vote in town affairs to meet at the time place and for the
purposes within mentioned

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by posting up two attested copies of the within one on the
free meeting house near Col Ball Bartletts one on the
Meeting house on Bethel Hill they being the same places the
town voted to have them put at its last vote taken and also
two public and conspicuous places in Said town at least
Seven days before Said Meeting

	Mighill Mason	{	Constable
Bethel Sep 13/58			of
Fees			Bethel

Sar----* 50

Two copies 100

travel 10 miles 40
\$1.90

* unable to make out the word NHM

Bethel Sept 13 1858

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of Said Town of Bethel legally qualified to Vote in Town affairs meet at the time and place therein Specified and the meeting having been duly opened by the town Clerk proceeded to business as follows

- st
1 Choose E M Carter Mod-- and he was Sworn by town Clerk
according to law-----
- th
2 Voted that in regard to the road from D F Browns to Samuel Andrews and also the Road from Milton to Hamblin's Grant be left in the hands of the Selectmen to repair and manage so to be Satisfactory to the Dist. therein
- rd
3 Voted that the damages clammed by L M Green be left in the hands of the town agent to Settle if he thinks the town liable
- th th
4 Voted to pass over art. 4

True Copy Attest Charles Mason Town Clerk

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To Mighill Mason one of the Constables of the town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the Name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as the constitution requires to assemble at the town house in Said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of September inst at ten Oclock in the forenoon to give in

their votes for Governor two Senators Representative to Congress, one County Commissioner County Treasurer County Attonery Clerk of Courts Sheriff and a Representative to represent them in the legislature of this State

The Selectmen will be in Session at the town house on Saturday the Eleventh day of Said September at ten Oclock in the forenoon and also on the day of the Election at nine Oclock in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the list of voters

Dated at Bethel the second day of September A D 1858

E M Carter	}	Selectmen
D F Brown		of
N W Ethergr		Bethel

Oxford SS

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as the consti-tution requires to meet at the time and place and for the propose within Named by posting up two attest copys of the within one on the Meeting house near Col Ball Bartletts one on the Meeting house on Bethel Hill They beinging the Same places the town voted to have them put the last vote taken and two public and conspicuous places in Said town of Bethel at least Seven days before Said Meeting

Mighill Mason Constable

Fees		of
Sra-----*	50	
2 copys	100	

Bethel September 13/58

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A true Copy of the original Warrent together with the return thereon

Attest Charles Mason Town Clerk

Bethel Monday September 13 1858

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified as therein Expressed meet at the time and place appointed and the meeting being legally opened by the chairman of the selectmen they proceded to give in the Votes for the Several offices mentioned in Said Warrent as follows Viz.

The whole number of Ballots given was fiv hundred and twenty four (524)

For Governor

Lot M Morrill had Three hundred and three (303)

Manasseh H Smith had two hundred & twenty one (221)

Representative to Congress

John J Perry had Three hundred & three (303)

David R Hastings had Two hundred & twenty one (221)

Senators

Samuel B Hall had Three hundred & Three 303

Thomas Moulton had Three hundred & three	<u>303</u>
ONeil W Robinson had Two hundred & twenty one	<u>221</u>
Jonas Green had Two hundred & twenty one	<u>221</u>

Clerk of Courts

Sidney Perham had Three hundred & three	<u>303</u>
Alvah Black had Two hundred & twenty one	221

County Attorney

William W Virgin had Three hundred & three	303
Alex B Bradley had Two hundred & twenty one	221

Sheriff

Joseph E Colby had Three hundred & three	303
John C Gerry had Two hundred & nineteen	219

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County Treasurer

Joseph Barrows had Three hundred & three	303
Charles S Mellin had Two hundred & twenty one	221

County Commissioners

Eli B Bean had Three hundred & three	<u>303</u>
Thomas J Cox had Two hundred & twenty one	221

Representative to the Legislature

Lawson C Smith had Two hundred & Ninety seven	297
Eabn Clough had Two hundred & twenty four	224

Recorded by Charles Mason Town Clerk

Town Meeting Oct 30 1858

To Mighill Mason Constable of the town of Bethel in the
County of Oxford greeting

In the name of the State of Maine You are hereby
required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said town
of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assem-
ble at the Alder River Bridge in Said town on Saturday the
thireth day of Oct instant at one Oclock in the afternoon to
act on the following articles to wit -----

- st
1 To choose a moderator to govern Said meeting
- nd
2 To See what course the town will take to repair or build
a new bridge accross Alder River
- rd
3 To See what course the Town will take to pay outStanding
or orders aganist the town
- th
4 To See what course the town will take to get of the com-
plaint on the road from D F Browns to Samuel Andrews
house
- th
5 To See if the Town will vote to have a printed report of
the State of the financial affairs of the town
- th
6 To See if Town will vote to accept of a road as laid out
by the Selectmen on the petition of Galen C Hall and
others
- th
7 To See if Town will vote a accept

over

continued

of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on petition of N

T True and others

th

8 To transact any other Legal business that may come
before Said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this the twenty first
day of Oct AD 1858

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen
D F Brown		of
N W Ethridge		Bethel

Oxford SS

By virtue of the within I have notified and warned the
inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote in the af-
fairs to meet at the time and place and for the purpose
within named by posting up two attested copies of the within
one copy on the Congrenalist Meeting house on Bethel Hill at
least Seven days before Said Meeting and one on the Meeting
house near Col Ball Bartletts in Bethel being the same
places that the town voted to have them put

Fees

Treasurer 50

Copies 100

travel 40

\$190

Mighill Mason

{ Constable

of

Bethel

Bethel Oct 30/58

The above is a true copy of the original Warrent and
return

Attest Charles Mason

Town Clerk

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Bethel Oct 30 1858

The legal voters of the town of Bethel meet in open town
meeting

- st
1 Made Choce of D F Brown Moderator
nd
2 Voted to adjun to CD OH Masons Store
rd
3 Meet as per Adjurment and Voted to build a new Bridge
across Alder river
th
4 Voted that the Town build Split stone Butments at Alder
River according to Specifacations furnished by the
Selectmen and to be Excepted by them
th
5 Voted that the present Selectmen shall build or couse to
be built the butments and Bridge across Alder River and
also that they Shall act as a Committee on Said Bridge
untill Said Bridge is built
th
6 Voted that the town Treasurer be authorized to hire two
thousand dollars if it is necassary Wanted to pay town
orders with
th
7 Voted that the Selectmen go on and repair the Road from
D F Brown to Samuel Andrews house
th th
8 Voted to pass over article 5

th
9 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in regard to
the peption of Galan C Hall and others
th
10 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen in
regard to the petition of N T True and others
Over

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Continued

Attest True copy

Charles Mason Town Clerk

th
Oct 30 1858

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March 7 1859

To Mighill Mason a Constable of the Town of Bethel - In
the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to
notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Behtel qual-
ified by law to vote in town (affairs) to assembly at the
town house in Said town on Monday the Seventh day of March
next at ten Oclock in the fore noon to act upon the fol-
lowing articles to wit

First To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting
Sec To " Town Clerk
Third To " Three or more Selectmen
Fouth To " Assessors

Fifth	To	"	Town Treasurer
th			
6	To	"	" Agent
th			
7	To	"	one Superintending School Committee
th			
8	To	"	Road Commisisoners or Highway Surveyors
th			
9	To	"	Field Drivers & Fence Viewers
th			
10	To	"	Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of
			Wood and Bark
th			
11	To		Choose Collector or Collectors of taxes
th			
12	To	"	Constables
th			
13	To	"	School Dist Agents
th			
14	To	"	Tythingmen & Sextons
th			
15	To	"	Sealers of Leather
th			
16	To	"	Pound Keepers and provide pounds
th			
17	To	"	all other necessary town Officers
th			
18	To		Hear report of Selectmen & Auditors and allow ac-
			counts
th			
19	To	"	" " Sup School Committee
th			
20	To		See if the town will vote to buy a farm to keep
			the Poor on and make all needful arrangements for
			the poor choose of the Same and choose any commit-
			tee that may be nessary for that purpose
st			
21	To		accept a list of jurors
nd			
22	To		raise money to defray town charges
rd			
23	To	"	" " repair the Highway and Bridges
th			
24	To	"	" " for Surport of Schools
tj			
25	To		See if the town will authorise the Treasurer to
			hire money to pay the out Standing or due and direct

how much and for how long

over

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continued March 7 1859

a time or times

- th
26 To See if the town will vote to discontinue the old road on the East side of the Brooke leading from David Dunn jrs home to the road near Augustus Estes home
- th
27 To See if the town will vote to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Moses C Foster -----
- th
28 To See what course the town will take to fence Burying Ground near Coss Amos Youngs
- th
29 To See if the Town vote to put of Cyrus Mills Nelson Mills and ONeil R Mills together with their Estates from School Dist No 29 and annex the same to Dist No 25
- th
30 To See if the town will vote to set of John B Mason Samuel J Mills Joseph Wheeler & E G Wheeler from Dist No 25 and annex them and their Estates to Dist No 18 in Said Bethel
- st
31 To See if the town will vote to order the Treasurer to issue this warrent on the Collectors -----

The Selectmen give notice that they shall be in Session for

the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at
the town house at nine Oclock in the fore noon on the day of
Said Meeting

Fail not to make due Service of ths warrnet and to return
your doings thereon at the time and place of meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this twenty first
day of Febrary A D 1859

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen
D F Brown		of
NW Ethinredge		Bethel

Oxford SS March 7 1859

By virtue of the within Warrent

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to me directed I have notified & warned the inhabitants of
Bethel to meet it the day, time & place & for the purposes
within named according to law

Fees	Mighill Mason	}	Constable
Treasurer 50			of
2 Copies 100			Bethel
Travel <u>40</u>			
\$1.90			

The above is a True Copy of the original Warrent & retron

Attest Charles Mason Town Clerk

Bethel March 7 1859

March 7 1859

At a legal town meeting duly notified and warned at
Bethel in the county of Oxford the Seventh day of March A D
1859 the legal voters of Said town by Major vote and ballot
Chose-----

st
1 Elisas M Carter -- Moderator Sworn by Town Clerk -----
nd
2 Chas. Mason -- Choose Town Clerk Sworn by Moderator
rd
3 Chose Elias M Carter Selectmen for the
John Barker ensuing year Sworn
Eli Foster by Town Clerk
th
4 Chose E M Carter Assessors -----
John Barker Sworn by Town Clerk
Eli Foster
th
5 Chose Daniel A Twitchell Treasurer ----
Sworn by town Clerk ---
th
6 Chose ONeil W Robinson jr Town Agent ---
th
7 Chose A G Gaines Sup School Committee

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th
8 Voted to Choose commissnores
Chose Ebrn Eames Eli Foster J B Mason as a committee
to Select five men for Road Commissnorers they having
selected D F Brown Timothy Hastings I G Kimball J D
Hasting Nathan Grover

Chose & D F Brown

& Timothy Hastings

& I G Kimball

J D Hastings

Nathan Grover

Road Copmmissnors those
marked thus & were Sworn
in town meeting by the
Clerk

th
9 Chose & D F Foster

& Timothy Hastings

& I G Kimball

J D Hastings

Nathan Grover

Field Drivers & Fence
Viewers those marked &
were Sworn in town
meeting by the Clerk --

th
10 Chose A H Gerrish

" Pinkney Burnham

" William Gerrish

" John B Ripley

" Joseph B Hammon

" Elias S Bartlett

" E H Chapman

" &A P Knights

Surveyors of Lumber
those marked & were
sworn

th
10 Chose A H Gerrish

" D F Brown

" Mighill Mason

" Gilbert Chapman

Surveyors of Wood and
Bark

th
11 Chose I G Kimball Collector of taxes

Chosen with the provision that he shall be subject to
order of the Selectmen in regard to making payment over

to the Treasurer or pay interest on all monney not payed
in to the Treasurer within to then order from such time
as they order until it is paid -- and also that Said
collector Shall retain for his compensation two & one
half percent

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on all monney So collected that is granted to him by the
Selectmen -----

The town accepted of Israel Kimball Eben Eames & I C
Kimball as I G Kimballs Bondsmen for said collectorship

- 12th Chose I G Kimball } Constables for the
" D F Brown } ensuing year
" Mighill Mason }
- 13th Voted that School Dist choose their own Agents
- 14th Chose &A P Knights }
" Hosea Ripley } Tythingmen for the
" &E M Carter } ensuing year those
" Leander Jewett } marked & were Sworn
- 15th Chose A P Knights Sealer of Leather
and was Sworn by
Clerk
- 16th Voted & chose the Road Commissoners Pound Keepers
and their yards to be Pounds
- 17th Voted to Pass over art 17 ---

th
18 Voted to accept report of Selectmen and Auditors
report -- within

19 Need report of Sup School Committee

th
20 Voted pass over -----

st
21 Voted to accept the list of jurors -----

22 Choose Timothy Ayer

" #Ah-- Bryant

" Moses A Mason

" Eli Twitchell

" C Y Nutting

" Freelan Bartlett

" Dudley Needham

" Bej. Clerk

" James M Poote

" E W Ethredge

Sextons

those marked #

were Sworn

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Choose S F Gibson

" &D F Brown

" R A Chapman

Auditors of Accounts

the ensuing year

Voted to assume the costs in the case of Bnersce aganist
Freeman -----

nd
22 Voted to raise two thousand Dollars \$2000 to pay

town charges

23rd Voted to Raise two thousand Dollars \$2000 to repair
the Highways and Bridges

th
24 Voted to raise what the law allows for Schools

th
25 Voted to authorise the Treasurer to hire monery not
to excede one thousand dollars and not to pay
interest to excede Bank interest Also to him one
hire not to excede one year --- for the purpose of
paying out Standing order aganist the Town

th
26 Voted to pass over Art. 26th

th
27 Voted to accept of road Report of Moses C Foster

th
28 Voted to pass over Art. 28th

29 Voted to set off Cyrus Mills Nelson Mills and ONeil R
Mills from Dist No 29 together with thier estates and to
annex them to School Dist No 25

th
30 Voted to Set off John B Mason Samuel J Mills
Joseph Wheeler & E G Wheeler from School Dist No 25
and annex them with their Estates to School dist No
18 --- ---

st
31 Voted to pass over Art. 31st

Accounts of Bills allowed by the town

David R Hastings	amt clamed & allowed	\$10.00
Moses Mason	" "	\$ 3.12
Elbridge Chapman	-- "	\$ 6.00
Chas Mason	-- "	\$ 2.00
Mighill Mason	-- -- "	\$22.33
David Garland	"	\$30.66
N W Ethridge	-- -- "	\$14.00
D A Twitchell	Bill as known	\$ 8.00
Daniel Dunn	-- -- "	\$ 3.00
" "	"	\$ 4.37
Almon Twitchell	"	\$ 2.00
R A Frye	"	\$18.00
S F Gibson	"	\$28.00
Moses Mason	-- "	\$ 2.50
Moses Houghton	"	\$21.00
Elias M Carter	"	\$70.00
David F Brown	"	\$50.80
Gilman Chapman	"	\$ 3.00
Sulvin R Hutchins	"	\$20.50

The town voted to accept the above accounts

Attest a true Copy

Charles Mason

Town Clerk

Oxford SS March 9 1859

J D Hastings having been Chooosen as one of Road commis-

sioners at the last annual town meeting Personally affirmed before me and Amos Swan to preform the faithful and impartial duties of the office

Charles Mason Town Clerk

Mighill Mason having been Choosn as one of the Surveyors of Wood & Bark Personally appeared before me and was Sworn according to Law

Charles Mason Town Clerk

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Oxford SS March 9 1859

A G Gaines haveing been elected as one of the Sup School Committee at the last annual town Meeting he having Personally appeared before me and took the oath of office according to Law

Charles Mason Town Clerk

Oxford SS March 12 1859

Nathan Grover having been elected as one of the Road Commissnors for the Ensuing year at the annal town Meeting Personally appeared before me and took the oath of office

Charles Mason Town Clerk

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May 13 1859

To Israel Kimball a Constable of Bethel Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine You are hereby
required to to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said
town of Bethel qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs to
assemble at the Town house in Said Town on Monday the
thirteenth day of June inst at one Oclock in the afternoon
to act upon the following articles to wit -----

First To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting

Second To See if the town will authorise the Treasurer to
hire money to pay outstanding orders

Third To See what action the town will take about building
a bridge accross the river at Barkers ferry so
called and make all neccessary regulations about the
same and Choose any committee that may be thought
needfull -----

Fouth To transact any other business that may come before
Said meeting legally

Given under our hands this Second day of June A D
1859

Elias M Certer

John Barker

Eli Foster

Selectmen

of

Bethel

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th
Bethel June 13 1859

Pursuant to the within warrent to me directed I have

notified and warned the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel,
qualified as therein Explained & assemble at the time and
place and for the purpose therein mentioned by posting up
two attested copys of Such Warrent one on the Meeting house
near Beans Corner and one on the Congregational Meeting
house on Bethel Hill being public and conspicious places Said
town on the fourth day of June 1859 being Seven days before
Said Meeting

I G Kimball Constable of
Bethel

June 13 1859

Pursuant to the above Warrent the inhabitants legal voters
of the town of Bethel meet at the time and place therein
specified and the meeting having been opened by the Town
Clerk proceeded to business as follows

Choose E M Carter Moderator and was Sworn by the Clerk
according to Law-----

nd
2 Voted to authorise the Treasurer to hire not exceeding
five hundred Dollars on four or six months to pay out
Standing demands against the town of Bethel with

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rd
3 Voted to pass over

A true record

Attest Chas Mason Town Clerk

To Isreal G Kimball Constable of Bethel You are hereby
required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and
warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified to
vote for town affairs to assemble at the town House in Said
town on Monday the thirteenth Day of June inst at two Oclock
in the afternoon to give in their votes for or aganist an
act entitled an act to aid the Aroostook R. R Company

increase the Value and promote the Sale and Settlement of
the public Lands approved April 4 A D 1859

Given under hands this Second day of June A D 1859

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen
John Barker		of
<u>Eli</u> Foster		Bethel

Bethel June 13 1859

Pursuant to the within Warrent to me directed I have noti-
fied and warned the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel
qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and
place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up
two attest copies of Such Warrent one on the Meeting house
near

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Beans Corner and one on the Congregational Meeting house on
Bethel Hill being public and conspicious places in said town
on the fourth day of June being more then Seven days before
Said Meeting

A L Cary

I G Kimball

Constable of

Bethel

Attest Chas Mason Town Clerk

Bethel June 13 1859

Pursuent to the above warrent the inhabitants legal Voters
of the Said town of Bethel meet at the time & place and the
Meeting being opened by the Clerk proceed to business

Whole number of ballot given in was one hundred and
Sixty-Seven

(167)

For the act -- none

Aganist the act - one hundred and Sixty Seven

(167)

E M Carter Moderator

Attest

Chas. Mason Town Clerk

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Bethel June 25 1859

School Dist No 24 Elected their Agent by a Major vote
Nathaniel Niles Collector for Said Dist to collect Monney
that is account on Said Dist. to pay for building a new
School house the present year

Attest

David W Grover Dist

A true Copy

Attest Chas. Mason { Town
Clerk

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To Isral G Kimball Constable of the Town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the town house in Said town on Monday the twelfth day of Sept inst at ten O'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for Governor, Senators, County Comm, County Treasurer and a representative to represent them in the Legislature of this State

The Selectmen will be in Session at the town house on Saturday the tenth day of Sept inst at ten Oclock A M on the day of Election for the purpose of correcting the list of voters

Dated at Bethel the first day of Sept A D 1859

E M Carter Selectmen
John Barker of
 Bethel

Bethel Sept 12 1859

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel

qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned by posting up two attest copies of Such Warrent one on the Meeting house near Beans Corner and one on the Congregational Meeting house on Bethel Hill being public places in Said town on the third day of Sept being Seven days before Said Meeting

I G Kimball Constable
 of Bethel

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A True Copy Attest

Chas. Mason Town Clerk

Bethel Monday Sept 12 1859

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified as therein Expressed meet at the time and place appointed and the meeting being legally opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen they proceeded to give in their votes for the Several officers mentioned in Said Warrent as follows -----

The whole number of Ballots given in for Governor was Five hundred and sixteen ----- 516

Lot M Merrill had two hundred and ninety nine 299

Menassah H Smith had two hundred and seventeen 217

Senators

Samuel B Holt had three hundred 300

Thomas Moulton three hundred	<u>300</u>
Alva Black two hundred & Seventeen	<u>217</u>
F H Whitman two hundred & Seventeen	<u>217</u>

County Treasurer

William A Pidgin Three hundred	300
Chas T Mellen Two hundred & Seventeen	217

County Commissioners

G Bennett Three hundred	300
I J Cox Two hundred & Seventeen	217

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Representatives

Reuben B Foster had Two hundred and ninety eight	<u>298</u>
B B Millis had Two hundred and thirteen	<u>213</u>

Recorded by Charles Mason

Town Clerk

Bethel Sept 12 1859 -----

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To Israel G Kimball Constable of the Town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said town of
Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the
town House in said town on the ninth day of February inst

at one Oclock in the afternoon to act on the following

articles to wit

st

1 To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting

nd

2 To see what action the town will take in refference to
the Valuation of the town of Bethel to be made by the
present Legislation also to see if the town will choose
an agent to appear before the Legislature Valuation com-
mittee at Augusata to represent the interest of the town
of Bethel

rd

3 To transact any other business that may legally come
before said meeting

Given under our hands this first day of February A D
1860

Elias M Carter

John Barker

}

Selectmen

of

Bethel

th
Feb 9 1860

Pursuant to the within warrent to me directed I have noti-
fied and warned the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel
qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and
place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting of
two attested coppies of Said Warrent one on the Meeting
House near Beans Corner and one on the Congregational
meeting House on Bethel Hill being two public and conspec-
nd
ious places in Said town of Bethel on the 2 day of Feb-
ruary it being seven days before said meeting

I G Kimball Constable of Bethel

over

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continued

Pursuant to the foregoing warrent the inhabitants
legal voters of the said town of Bethel met at the time &
place and the meeting being opened by one of the Selectmen
st

1 Chose E. M. Carter Moderator and was Sworn by O'N. W.

Robinson

nd
2 " D. A Twitchell Clerk Protem sworn by E. M. Carter

Voted to choose an agent to send to Augusta to look
after the interest of the town as mentioned in Act. 2 of
the above warrent

Chose Ira C Kimball for said agent

Attest a True copy

Bethel Feb 9 1860 D. A. Twitchell Clerk Protem

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th
Annual town Meeting March 5 1860

To Israel G Kimball a Constable of the town of
Bethel in the County of Oxford Greeting -----

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby
required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said town
of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to
assemble at the town house in Said town on Monday the fifth

day of March next at ten Oclock in the forenoon to act on
the following articles to wit viz -----

First 1 To Choose a Moderator to gov Said meeting

2 To " " Town Clerk

3 To " three Selectmen

4 To " " Assessors

5 To " town Treasurer

6 To " " Agent

7 To " one Supr. School Committee

8 To " Road Commissoners

9 To fix the pay of Said road Commissoners

10 To hear report of the Selectmen and Auditors and
allow accounts and hear the report of the Supr. Sch.
Comm.

11 To Raise Monney to defray town charges and build
bridges and Roads and suport the poor

12 To choose Collector or Collectors of taxes and agree
on the process for collecting the same

13 To choose Constables

14 To choose Survyors of Lumber - of Wood and bark -
Sealers of leather Sextons Pound Keepers and
Auditors of accounts and Tythingmen

15 To Choose School Dist. Agents field drivers Fence
viewers and all other necessary town officers

16 To Raise money to Suport Schools

- 17 To raise Money to repair Highways
- 18 To fix the compensation to be allowed for labour on the highways ----
- 19 To See if the town will purchase a farm to Support the Poor on and to choose any committee that the town may think proper to carry the Same into effect and raise Money to pay for said farm -----
- 20 To decide upon the manner that future town meetings Shall be called and where the notice Shall be posted
- 21 To See if the town will discontinue the road leading from the County road near I G Kimball house to the river agreeable to the request of I Kimball
- 22 To See if the town will discontinue the old road on the East Side of the brook leading from Daniel Dunn Jr. house to the road near Jason Gay's agreeable to the petition of Daniel Dunn, Jr. and others ---
- 23 To See if the town will set off the following lots with the inhabitants thereon Lots No. 4 - 5 - 6 & 7 in the first range and lots No 4 - 5 & 6 in the Second range in Said Bethel and annex the Same to the first School Dist. in Hamblin's Grant agreeable to the petition of Isaac Estes and others -----
- 24 To See what direction the town will give in relation to preambulating the town lines.
- 25 To See what method the town will take build the new Road

near Barbour Bartletts and from Abial Chandlers to the
County road near W Blake

- 26 To See what discount Shall be made to those persons
wishing pay Money in leu of work on the highway
- 27 To See if the town will set of Josiah Brown 2^d together
with his Estate from School district No 15 and annex the
same to district No 27

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agreeable to the petition of J Brown 2^d

- 28 To transact any other bussiness that any think proper
when met

The Selectmen give notice that they Shall be in
session for the purpose of revising and correcting the
list of voters at the town house at nine Oclock in the
forenoon on the day of Said meeting ----

Given under our hands at Bethel this twenty third
day of Feby A D 1860

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen
John Barker		of
Eli Foster		Bethel

Bethel March 5 1860

Pursuant to the within Warrent to me directed I notified
and warned the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified
as therein Expressed to assemble at the time and place and

for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up an attested
Copy of Such warrent one on the meeting house near Beans
Corner and one on the congregational meeting house on Bethel
hill being public and conspicuous places in Said town on the
twenty fifth day of Feby being more than Seven days before
Said meeting

I G Kimball

Constable of

Bethel

The above is a

True Copy

Attest Charles Mason } Town
Clerk]

} 1860 }

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Bethel March 5 1860

Pursuant to the within Warrent the legall voters of the town
of Bethel meet in open town meeting at the time and place
mentioned and put in their votes as follows -----

- 1 Choose E M Carter Moderator and Sworn by Clerk
nd
- 2 Choose Charles Mason Clerk and Sworn by Moderator
rd
- 3 " E M Carter Selectmen and Assessors
" John Barker and they were Sworn by
" Eli Foster the Clerk according to Law
th
- 5 " Daniel A Twitchell Treasurer and Sworn by the

Clerk according to Law

- 6 " O'N W Robinson Jr Town Agent
7 " ^m W Beavins as Sup Sc Committee
- Heard report of Selectmen and accepted
 - Heard report of Auditors and voted accept the Same
 - Voted to allow Eben Eames bill of two Dollars \$2.00
 - The Sup Sc. Committee report was read and Voted to accept the Same
 - Voted to pay Joseph Holts bill of \$10.00 ten Dollars---
- th
8 Art 8 was taken up and
- David F Brown was choosen Road Commissioners
Nathan Grovwer and Sworn by the Clerk according
Timothy Hastings to Law
I G Kimball
J D Hastings
- th
9 Voted the the road Commissioners receive one Dollars and
twenty five cents per Day for Summers

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Voted that the taxes be set up to the lowest bider and that the Collector Shall give a good Bond to be accepted by the town and that he Shall pay over to the Treasurer in such Sums and at Such times as the Selectmen may order - if not the Collector Shall pay interest on all deficences on Said Sums ordered to be Paid and that the Collector Shall compleat the Collection in the month of March next and pay

over the amt. due the town to the Treasurer

12 Mighill Mason bid off the taxes to collect for one cent
and three mills on a Dollar, with the above premission--

Choose Mighill Mason Collector

Choose Mighill Mason } Constables for the
I G Kimball } ensuing year

A H Gerrish

Pinckney Burnham

E H Chapman

^m
W Gerrish

Joseph Hammon

E S Bartlett

L W Russell

}
} been choosen Surveyors of
} Lumber for the ensuing year

X E B Goddard

X A P Knights

Gilbert Chapman

Alfred Twitchell

}
} been choosen Surveyors of Wood
} & Bark those marked X were
} Sworn

Choose A P Knights Sealer of Leather

Choose Benj. Clark M A Mason Eli Twitchell Timothy Ayer

Freelan Bartlett Dudly M Needham J M Post Abiel

Chandler Jr.

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and Abraham Bryant, Sextons

Choose S F Gibson R A Champman and David F Brown Auditors
of Accounts -----

Choose Gilman Chapman

J D Hastings

I G Kimball

Pound Keepers and they were Sworn by the Clerk

Choose #Gilman Chapman and #Josiah Moody and Alex Grover

Tythingmen and those marked # were Sworn by the Clerk

Choose Elias S Bartlett School Agent in Dist. No 6

Voted that Each School Dist. choose their own Agents in town
Except Dist. No 6.

Choose the Road Commisisoners Field Drivers and Fence Viewers
also Benj. Bartlett Josiah Moody and Gilman Chapman

Voted that the Auditors Shall audit all accounts and Shall
examine the Treasurers and Selectmens accounts and audit the
same and that the Selectmen Shall cause a report of the
Standing of the town to be printed a surficent number for
Each legal voter in town to have -----

Voted to raise two thousand Dollars to pay town Charges

Voted to raise twenty two hundred Dollars to repair highways
& Bridges

Voted to raise what the Law allows for the Support of Schools

Voted to allow twelve and one half cents (12 1/2) to hire
for labor on highways

Voted to pass over Art 19 -----
th
20 Voted that the manner of calling town meetings Shall
be as usual -----

21 Voted to discontinue the Road leading from the County
road near I G Kimballs house to the river agreeable to
the request of I Kimball

22 Voted to discontinue the old Road on the East Side of
the brook leading from Daniel Dunn Jrs house to the road
near Jason Gays agreeable to the petition of Daniel Dunn
Jr and others -----

23 Voted to set off the following lots with the inhabitants
thereon, lots No 4 - 5 - 6 -X7 in the first range and
lots No 4, 5 & 6 in the second range in Said Bethel and
annex the Same to the first School district in Hamblin's
Grant agreeable to the petiton of Isaac Estes and others

24 Voted that the Selectmen preambulate the town lines as
they have been usually done ---- -----

25 Voted to pass over Art 25

26 Voted to discount three three cents on the Dollar on
highway taxes to all persons wishing to pay money
instead of work, and so pay

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in to the Road commissoners -----

27 Voted to set off Josiah Brown 2^d together with his
Estate from School Dist No 15 and annex the same to Dist
No 27 agreeable to the petition of Josiah Brown 2^d -----

Voted to allow the following bills viz -----

		amt.clamed	amt allowed
Selectmen	E M Carter bill	\$84.00	84.00
"	John Barker "	47.00	47.00
"	Eli Foster "	27.00	27.00
R Comm	D F Brown "	59.69	59.69
	J D Hastings"	27.93	27.93
	Timothy Hastings"	20.60	20.60
	Nathan Grover"	18.80	18.80
	I G Kimball "	26.74	26.74
S S Comm	E M Carter "	23.75	23.75
"	I R Hutchings"	24.00	22.00
"	A G Gaines "	24.53	24.53
Agent	O'N W Robinson"	24.00	24.00
F Driver	D F Brown "	6.00	6.00
Committe	I G Kimball "	7.50	7.50

	bill	amt. clamed	amt. allowed
Treasurer	D A Twitchell"	8.00	8.00
	Almon Twitchell"	6.25	5.50
	Joshua Fanning"	46.00	8.00
	Gilman Chapman"	10.00	00.00
	N W Etheridge"	1.00	1.00
	Edmond Goddard"	10.00	00.00
	Nathan Grover"	1.00	1.00
	D F Brown "	1.00	1.00
	R A Chapman "	1.00	1.00
	I L Gibson "	1.00	1.00
	A H Gerrish Jr"	14.57	14.57

Moses Chandler bill for over work on Road amt
 clamed \$3.37 and to be allowed on Highway tax of
 next year -----

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Benj. Estes for over work on Highway amt. allowed \$1.95 to
 go on Highway tax of next year

Timothy Ayers for over work highway allowed \$2.63 to go on
 his highway tax for next year --- -----

Voted that if the Selectmen become Satisfied that J. S.
 Colbys School house tax in School Dist No is not leagal
 that they Shall abate in and that Benj. Freeman Shall
 inforce the Collection of the balance of taxes due in that

Dist. -----

Voted that the Treasurer serve this Warrent Mighill Mason as collector by ten Oclock Tuesday next if he does not settle up and pay over to the Treasurer the amt due -----

Voted that the town Treasurer request the State Treasurer to serve this Warrent on Benj Freeman as collector for all delinquent taxes now due from Said Freeman to the State

Voted to Adj -----

Attest Charles Mason Town Clerk

Bethel March 5 1860

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Mighill Mason came forward March 14 1860 and took the oath as Constable according to Law before me

March 14 1860

Charles Mason

Town Clerk

I G Kimball came forward April 12 1860 and took the oath as Constable according to Law before me

Charles Mason

Town Clerk

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March 15 1860

To Mighill Mason one of the Constables of the town of
Bethel Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of
Bethel qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the
town house in Said town on Thursday the fifteenth day of
March inst at two Oclock in the afternoon to act on the

following arts to wit

st

1 To Choose a Moderator to run Said Meeting

nd

2 To See if the town will authorise the Treasurer to reuse
his note for monney hired and authorise the Said Treasurer

to hire Monney

rd

3 To See if the town will direct the Selectmen to draw
the orders on time

th

4 To transact any other bussiness that may legally come
before Said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this Six day of
March A D 1860

E M Carter	Selectmen
John Barker	of
Eli Foster	Bethel

Bethel March 13 1860

Oxford ss.

By virtue of the within I have notified and warned the
Inhabitants by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at

the place and purposes within mentioned by posting up two

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Copies of the within in two public and conspicuous places in
Said town of Bethel one on the Free Meeting House near Eli
Swans one on the Congregational Meeting house on Bethel Hill
they being the Same places the town voted to have them put
at in last anual Meeting at least seven days before Said
meeting

Mighill Mason

Constable

of

Bethel

Attest Chas. Mason

Town Clerk

Bethel March 15 1860

Pursuant to the within Warrent the Legal Voters of the town
of Bethel meet at the time and place as within mentioned and
made choice of

st

1 W W Mason Moderator and he was Sworn by the Clerk ac-
cording to Law -----

nd

2 Voted to authorise the Treasurer to reuse his note for
monney hired And authorised the Treasurer to hire
monney -----

rd

3 Voted to instruct the Selectmen to draw the orders on
time

Adjourned

Attest Charles Mason Town Clerk

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nd
Bethel March 22 1860

m
W Bevns appeared before me this day and took the oath as
the Law directs as one of the Sup Sch Committee

Attest Charles Mason { Town
Clerk

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Sept 10 1860

To Israel G Kimball, Constable of the town of Bethel ---
You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to
notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel
qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the
town house in Said town on the tenth day of September next
at ten Oclock in the forenoon to give in their votes for a
Governor, two Senators a Representative to Congress Judge of
Probate, Regester of Probate, a Sherrif, a county Commis-
sioner, County Treasurer, and a Representative to represent
them in the Legislature of this State

The Selectmen will be in Session at the town house on
Saturday the Eight day of Said Sept at ten Oclock in the
forenoon and on the day of the Election at nine Oclock in
the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the list of

voters -----

Dated at Bethel the thirtieth day of August A D 1860-----

Elias M Carter	{	Selectmen
John Barker		of
Eli Foster		Bethel

Bethel Sept 10 1860

Pursuant to the within Warrent to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as therein Expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein Mentioned by posting up two attested Copies of

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such Warrent one on the Meeting house near Beans Corner and one on the Congregational Meeting house on Bethel Hill being two public and conspicuous places in Said town on the first day of Sept being more then Seven days before Said meeting

Israel G Kimball	{	Constable
		of
		Bethel

Bethel Sept 10 1860

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein expressed meet at the time and place appointed and the Meeting being legally opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen they preceeded to give in their votes for the Several offices mentioned in Said warrent as

follows Viz -----

The whole number of Ballots given in was Five hundred &

Forty (540)

The Several Officers Voted for recorded the number of Votes

Severally set aganist their names as follows viz -----

For Governor

Israel Washburn had Three hundred and twenty two (322)

Ephrem K Smart had Two hundred and Seventeen (217)

Phineas Barnes had one ----- (1)

Rep to Congress

Charles W Walton had three hundred and twenty two (322)

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Calvin Record had Two hundred and Eighteen (218)

Senators

Elbridge G Harlow had Three hundred and twenty one (321)

John P Hubbard had three hundred and twenty one (321)

Alva Black had two hundred and eighteen (218)

William Y Taylor had two hundred and Eighteen (218)

Judge of Probate

Elisha Winter had Three hundred and twenty one (321)

Isaac Randall had Two hundred and eighteen (218)

Reg of Probate

Josiah S Hobbs had Three hundred and twenty one (321)

James L Roskell had two hundred and eighteen	(<u>218</u>)
Sheriff	
Joseph E Colby had Three hundred and twenty	<u>320</u>
John C Gerry had Two hundred and nineteen	<u>219</u>

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County Commessioners

Henry C Reed had three hundred and ten	<u>310</u>
Mark P Smith had Two hundred & twenty seven	<u>227</u>

County Treasurer

William A Pidgin had Three hundred and twenty one	(<u>321</u>)
Charles G Mellen had Two hundred & eighteen	<u>218</u>

Rep to Legislature

Jed G Kimball had Three hundred & Six	<u>306</u>
Humphry Bean had Two hundred and twenty four	(<u>224</u>)

Attest & Recorded by me

Charles Mason Town Clerk

(Sept 10 1860)

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Nov 6. 1860

To Israel G Kimball Constable of the town of Bethel

Greeting -----

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said town of Bethel

qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in Said town, on Tuesday the six day of Nov next at ten oclock in the forenoon to act on the following

articles to wit -----

- st
1 To Choose a Moderator to govern Said Meeting
nd
2 To See if the town will vote to petition the Legislature for authority to take Stock in the Bethel Bridge Company at Barkers Ferry or to authorise Said town to loan their credit to Said Company
rd
3 To Choose a Committee of this may be thought propose to petition the next Legislature for authorty to take Stock in Said Bridge or to loan the credit of the town to Said Company
th
4 To transact any other bussness that may properly come before Said Meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this twenty seventh day of Oct A D 1860

Elias M Carter

John Barker

Eli Foster

Selectmen

of

Bethel

over

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Bethel Nov 6 1860

Pursuant to the within Warrent to me directed I have

notified and warned the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as therein Expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein mentioned by posting up two attest copys of Such warrent one on the free meeting house near Beans Corner and one on the Congragational Meeting house on Bethel Hill being public and conspicuous places in Said town on the twenty ninth day of October being seven days before said meeting

Israel G Kimball

Constable of Bethel

Bethel Nov 6 1860

Pursuant to the above Warrent the legal Voters of the town of Bethel Meet at the time & place therein mentioned and made Choice of

- st
1 E M Carter Moderator he was Sworn by the Clerk -----
d
2 Voted that the petition to the next Legislature for authority to take Stock in the Bethel Bridge Company at Barkers Ferry or to loan the towns credit to the Company
rd
3 Voted to choose a committee to petition the next Legislature for authority to take Stock in Said Bridge or to loan the Credit of the Town to said Company and choose the present Selectmen of the town as that committee to act for Said town

Adj Attest Chars. Mason Town Clerk

Nov Meeting 1860

To Israel G Kimball Constable of the town of Bethel
Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of
Bethel qualified as the constitution requires to assemble at
the town house in Said town on Tuesday the Sixth day of No-
vember next at Eleven Oclock in the forenoon to give in
their Votes for Electors of President and Vice President of
the United States

Dated at Bethel the twentieth day of Oct A D 1860

E M Carter	}	Selectmen
John Barker		of
Eli Foster		Bethel

Bethel Nov 6 1860

Pursuant to the within warrent to me directed I have
notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Bethel
qualified as therein Expressed to assemble at the time and
place and for the purpose therein mentioned by posting up
too attest copies of Such warrent one on the Meeting house
near Beans Corner and one on the Congregational Meeting
house on Bethel Hill being publick and conspicuous places in
Said town on the 29 day of Oct being Seven days before Said
Meeting

Iarael G Kimball Constable of Bethel

Attest Chas. Mason town Clerk

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continued

Nov 6 1860

Pursuant to the within Warrent the legal voters of the town of Bethel meet at the time and place and the Meeting was opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen and preceeded to vote -----

Whole number of Votes cast Four hundred and four (404)

William Willis had two hundred & Sixty (260

Abner Coburne had " " " 260

Lewis O Cowin had " " " 260

David Howes had " " " 260

William McGilroy had " " " 260

William M Rud had " " " 260

Geo W Pickering had " " " 260

Andrew Peters had " " " 260

William Homes had one hundred & one (101

Hastings Strickland had " " " 101

Asa W H Clopp had " " " 101

David R Hastings had " " " 101

Edwin Smith had " " " 101

Follet T Tallery had " " " 101

William Cake had " " " 101

Joseph Wescott had " " " 101

William Morclton	had	Forty	(40
Gorham L Boynton	"	"	40
Samuel Mildrom	"	"	40
Abner B Thomson	"	"	40
James Treat	"	"	40
Henry Hudson	"	"	40
J Winthank Jones	"	"	40

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Geo. F Patten	had	three votes	(3
Geo. C Getchell	had	"	3
Samuel P Shaw	had	"	3
Chet. S Pernnell	had	"	3
Hiram E Peirce	had	"	3
John More	had	"	3
Geo W Chandler	had	"	3
William Jarvis	had	"	3

Adj Attest Chas. Mason Town Clerk

Bethel Nov 6 1860

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Annual Town Meeting A D 1861

To Israel G Kimball a constable of the town of
Bethel in the county of Oxford Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby

required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in said town on Monday the fourth day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit.

- st
Article 1 To choose a Moderator to perside in Said meeting
d
" 2 " " a Town Clerk
d
" 3 " " Selectmen
th
" 4 " " Assessors
th
" 5 " " a Treasurer
th
" 6 " " " School Committee
th
" 7 " " " town Agent
th
" 8 " " Road Commissioners or highway
surveyors
th
" 9 " " Field drivers fence viewers
th
" 10 " " Surveyors of lumber & Tythingmen
Sealers of Leather Surveyors of Wood
and bark and Sextons
th
" 11 " " School District Agents
th
" 12 " " Collectors and Constables
th
" 13 " " Audetors and all other necessary town
officers and committees the year
ensuing.
th
" 14 Raise money for the support of Schools
th
" 15 hear Reports of the Selectmen audetors the
School Committee and all other Reports and
recomands allow accounts
th

- " 16 raise money to support the Poor, repair and
build Bridges, to pay outstanding orders and
to defray all other town charges for the
ensuing year
- " 17th raise money to repair highways
- " 18th See what discount Shall be made those who
pay money on their highway tax

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- Article 19th To make all necessary regulations for the
collection of the money tax and agree upon
the percentage for Collecting the same
- 20th See what method the town shall take to build
or provide a pound
- 21st See if the town will accept of an Act of the
Legislature authorizing said town to buy
stock in the Bethel Bridge Company
- 22^d See if the town will divide School District
No 5 agreeable to the petition of Vincent G
Chapman and others
- 23^d See if the town will vote to set off Joseph B
Hammond and his Estate from School District No
15 in said town
- 24th See if the town will vote to discontinue the
road leading from Free Meeting house to the

- house of Jesse D Hodgline in said Bethel
agreeable to the petition of J D Hastings
and others
- 25th See if the town will vote to discontinue the
road leading from Hiram Hodgdon's to the
County road near A P Blake's agreeable to
the petition of Amos Young and others
- 26th See if the town will vote to give Wash
Crocker his share of the School money to
expend in District No 26 of Greenwood
- 27th See what method the town will take to repair
or rebuild Bear River Bridge
- 28th See if the town will vote to Authorise the
Treasurer to hire money or renew his note in
the Savings Bank
- 29th See if the town will vote to pay the whole
or part for fencing the burying ground near
Amos Youngs

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To transact any other business that may
legally come before said meeting

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in
session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list
of voters at nine oclock in the forenoon on the day of said
meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this twenty first
day of Feby A D 1861

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen
John barker		of
Eli Foster		Bethel

th
Bethel March 4 1861

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed. I
have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of
Bethel qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the
time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by
posting up two attested copies of such warrant, one on the
free meeting house near Bean's Corner and one on the Congre-
gational meeting house on Bethel Hill being public and
conspicuous places in Said town on the twenty third day of
February 1861 being seven days before said meeting

I G Kimball Constable of Bethel

The fore going is a true copy of the original
warrant and the return thereon

Attest

A. L. Burbank TownClerk

Bethel March 4. 1861

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of
said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at
the time and place therein specified and the meeting having
been duly opened by the town clerk proceeded to business as
follows Viz

st
1 Choose D. F. Brown Moderator and he was duly sworn into
office by the town Clerk before entering upon the
duties of said office according to law

d
2 " A. L. Burbank Town Clerk and he was duly Sworn
into office by the Moderator

d
3 " John Barker First Selectman
O. H. Mason Second Selectman
Alonzo Howe Third Selectman

th
4 " John Barker First Assessor
O. H. Mason Second "
Alonzo Howe Third "

John Barker and O. H. Mason were duly sworn
into office as Selectmen and Assessors according
to law by the Town Clerk

5 " Charles Mason Treasurer and he was duly sworn
into office by the Town Clerk

th
6 " David Garland School Committee

7 S. F. Gibson town Agent

th
8 On motion voted that the remainder of the officers
be chosen by hand ballot
Voted that the town choose Highway Surveyors and the
following persons were duly chosen

Tilton Bennett

Eli Foster

David M. Grover

Andrew Grover

John D. Gossom

Issac C. Cross

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Annual Town Meeting A. D. 1861 continued

C. S. Edwards

Gilman Chapman

W. W. Mason

John B. Walker

E. M. Carter

Arthur D. Holt

Benj. F. Brown

Stephen Estes Jr.

Jarius Bryant

Alfred Estes

Amos A. Young

John B. Masey

Galen Blake

Simeon W. Sanborn

Eli Swan

Elias S. Bartlett

Richard Estes 2^d

Samuel J. Howard

John Garland

Jacob T. Kimball
E. L. Richardson
Curatio T. Bartlett
Levi A. Moore
Benj. Bartlett
Abraham Bryant
Josiah Brown 2^d
Henry R. Bartlett
O. C. Littlehale

and those marked #
thus were sworn into office in open town meeting by the Town
Clerk according to law

Voted to pass over the ninth article and take up the
25th

25 On motion voted to pass over the twenty fifth article
continued

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Anual town Meeting A. D. 1861 continued

On motion voted to take up the 24 article

24 On motion voted to pass over the twenty fourth article
9th

9 On motion voted that the Highway Surveyors be field

drivers and fence viewers
10th

10 Chose A. H. Gerrish

John W. Philips

Pinkney Burnham

m
W Gerrish Jr
John A. Twitchell
Lyman W. Russell
Nathan W. Etheridge
Timothy Ayer
S. W. Butterfield
Mighill Mason Surveyors

of lumber

Choose Lewis A. Sanborn
 Gilman Chapman
 Mighill Mason
 Gilman Smith
 C. S. Edwards
 A. M. Merrill Tythingmen

Choose Robbins Brown &
 George Atherton Sealers of Leather

Choose Chas. Mason
 Francis Barker 2^d
 A. M. Merrill
 Levi A. Moore
 Pinkney Burnham
 S. B. Twitchell Surveyors of wood & Bark

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Annual town Meeting A. D. 1861 continued
Choose Moses A. Mason

Benj. Clark

Dudly M. Needham

Gilman Smith

Tim Ayer

d

Ja. M. Pole

Abramham Bryant

Abiel Chandler Jr.

Eli Twitchell

Sextons

th
11 Choose Horace Chapman School Agent in District No. 5
Voted that all other Districts choose their own
Agents

th
11 On motion of Gilman Chapman voted that the Col-
lection of taxes be set up to the lowest bidder and
the same was struck off to Gilman Chapman at one
cent and three mills per dollar

th
12 Choose Gilman Chapman Collector

Gilman Chapman

Mighill Mason

D. A. Twitchell

I. G. Kimball

A. P. Knight

Constables

13 Choose Charles R. Locke

Asa P. Knight

Jonathan Cross

Auditors

Annual Town Meeting A. D. 1861 continued

th
14 On motion of Moses Chandler voted that the Auditors
hold a Council

Voted that Moses Chandler & Gilman Chapman be
added to this council

th
15 Voted to pass over the Reports of Selectmen and
School Committee and take up that of Auditors which
is as follows

Whole amount of Bills presented \$499.65

" " allowed \$497.15

Elias M. Carter	ag	Amt. Carried	\$63.80	Amt. allowed	\$63.80
John Barker	"	"	30.00	"	30.00
Eli Foster	"	"	25.50	"	25.50
Daniel A. Twitchell	"	"	12.86	"	10.86
A. G. Gaines	"	"	28.38	"	28.38
S. R. Hutchins	"	"	24.00	"	24.00
m W Berins	"	"	23.17	"	23.17
O'N. W. Robinson	"	"	11.00	"	11.00
Israel G. Kimball	"	"	36.66	"	36.66
D. F. Brown	"	"	83.93	"	83.93
Timothy Hastings	"	"	38.40	"	38.40
John D. Hastings	"	"	56.09	"	56.09
Nathan Grover	"	"	27.21	"	27.21
Israel G. Kimball	"	"	6.00	"	6.00
David Hammons	"	"	1.00	"	1.00

Joshua Fanning	Amt. Carried \$15.15	Amt. Allowed \$15.15
Gilman L. Blake	" " 4.00	" " 4.00
Timothy Capen	" " 1.50	" " 1.00
D. F. Brown	" " 6.00	" " 6.00
S. F. Gibson	" " 2.00	" " 2.00
D. F. Brown	" " 2.00	" " 2.00
R. A. Chapman	" " 1.00	" " 1.00

S. F. Gibson & D. F. Brown Auditors

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Anual Town Meeting A. D. 1861 continued

On motion voted to accept the Auditors Report

Voted to allow Mighill Mason's bill of two dollars (2\$)
for warning town meeting

The subject of Mr. Williamson's claim for injuries
received on the road was taken up and on motion voted
that the matter be left in the hands of the Selectmen

16 Voted that the town raise two thousand dollars
(\$2000.00) to defary town charges

17 Voted to raise three thousand dollars (\$3000.00) to
repair highways.

18 Voted that all those who choose to pay money on their
highway tax and shall pay the Same into the hands of the
highway Surveyors in the month of June shall be allowed

four shillings on the dollar

20 On motion of G. A. Hastings voted that Gilman Chapman's
barn celler be a Pound

21 On motion Voted to pass over this Article

22 On motion Voted to divide School district No. 5 agree-
eable to petition of Vincent G. Chapman and others

On motion Voted that Mr. Alfred Estes be allowed four
shillings on the dollar on his bill of forty four
dollars & 03/100 (\$44..03) for work done on the highway
and also that he be allowed eleven

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dollars and 23/100 (\$11.23) for planks furnished for
bridges

d
23 On motion of Gilman Chapman voted to pass over this
Article

26 Voted that Wash. Crooker be allowed share of the School
money to expended in District No 26 Greenwood

27 Voted the matter of repairing Bear River Bridge be left
in the hands of the Selectmen

28 On motion Voted to authorise the Treasurer to hire money
or renew his note in the bank

29 On motion Voted to pass over this Article

Mr. Edward Goddard presented a bill for damage done to
Sliegh & on the highway it being the same as was presented
to the town one year ago

On motion voted to pass over it

Voted to adjourn with out day

D.F. Brown Moderator

Recorded by

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss.

Bethel March 5. 1861 Personally appeared W^m T.
Brown and took the oath required by law to qualify him
to discharge the duties of Highway Surveyor

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

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Oxford ss. Bethel March 7. 1861 Personally appeared S. F.
Gibson and took the oath required by law to qualify him to
discharge the duties of Town Agent

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss. March 8. 1861 Personally appeared Charles Mason
and took the oath required by law to qualify him to dis-
charge the duties of Surveyor of Wood

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss. Bethel March 12. 1861 Personally John Garland
and took the oath required by law to qualify him to dis-
charge the duties of highway Surveyor

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss. Bethel March 12. 1861 Personally appeared
Israel G. Kimball and took the oath required by law to
qualify him to discharge the duties of Constable

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss. Bethel March 1861 Personally appeared Amos A.
Young and took the oath required by law to qualify him to
discharge the duties of highway Surveyor

Before me

A. L. Burbank

Oxford ss. Bethel March 13. 1861

Personally appeared Mighill Mason and took the oath
required by law to qualify him to discharge the duties of
Constable

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss. Bethel March 13. 1861 Personally appeared
Gilman Chapman and took the oath required by law to
qualify him to discharge the duties of Constable

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss. Bethel March 16. 1861 Personally appeared S.
W. Butterfield and took the oath required by law to
qualify him to discharge the duties of Surveyor of
Lumber

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss. Bethel March 22. 1861 Personally appeared Rev.
David Garland and took the oath required by law to
qualify him to discharge the duties of Superintending
School Committee

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss. Bethel March 25. 1861 Personally appeared
Arthur D. Holt, Alfred Estes, Eli Swan, Elias S. Bart-
lett, Benj. B. Bartlett and took the oath required by
law to qualify them to discharge the duties of Highway
surveyors

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss. Bethel March 25. 1861 Personally appeared
Timothy Ayer and took the oath required by law to
qualify him to discharge the duties of Surveyor of
Lumber

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

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To Gilman Chapman a Constable of the town of Bethel in
the County of Oxford Greeting
In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Bethel
qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the
Town House in said town on Monday the twenty fifth day of
March inst. at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the
following articles to wit.

- st
Article 1 To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
d
" 2 " " one Selectman
d
" 3 " " " assessor
" 4 " See what method the town will take to build
the road leading from Hiram Hodgdens to the
County road near A. P. Blake's
" 5 To see if the Town will raise money to build
said road
" 6 To see if the town will accept of an Act of the
Legislature authorizing said town to take stock

in the Androsciggin Bridge Company at Barker's
Ferry

- 7 To transact any other business which may legally
come before said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this
fifteenth day of March A. D. 1861

John Barker	}	Selectmen
O. A. Mason		of
		Bethel

Oxford ss. March 16. 1861 By virtue of the within war-
rant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhab-
itants of Bethel by posting up a true and attested copy of
the within warrant on the outside doors of the Free Meeting
house and the First Congregational meeting house being two
public and conspicuous places voted by the town to have the
notices of thier meetings

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posted

Gilman Chapman Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original
Warrant and return thereon

Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Bethel March 25. 1861

Pursuant to the fore-

going warrant the inhabitants of Said Bethel legally
qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place
therein specified and the meeting having been duly opened by
the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows

st
1 Choose Hiram Young Moderator and he was duly Sworn into
office by the Town Clerk before entering upon the duties
of said office

d
2 Chose Benj. T. Brown Selectman

d
3 Chose Benj. T. Brown Assessor and he was duly sworn into
office as Selectman and assessor in open town
meeting according to law by the Town Clerk

th
4 On motion of R. A. Frye voted that the Selectmen put the
road into sections advertise the time the same is to be
let and let it out to lowest bidders

th
5 On motion voted to pass over this article

6 On motion of R. A. Frye Voted to accept of the Act of
the Legislature authorizing said town to take stock in
the Androscoggin Bridge Company

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at Barkers Ferry

On motion of E. M. Carter Voted to poll the house on
this question all those in favor of accepting the act to

pass to the right hand side of the house and all of said
voters assembled passed to the right hand side of the house
save one

th
7 Voted to pass over this Article

Voted to adjourn without day

Hiram Young Moderator

Recorded by

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

The following were appointed highway Surveyors by
the Selectmen

O. H. Mason in place of C. S. Edwards

Hosea Riply " " " J. B. Walker

^m
W F. Brown " " " Simeon Sanborn

Bethel June 12. 1861

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

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To Gilman Chapman a constable of the town of Bethel
in the County of Oxford Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby
required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town
of Bethel qualifed by law to vote in town affairs to assem-
ble at the town house in said town on the thirteenth day of
July at two oclock in the afternoon to act on the following
articles - to wit

- st
1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting
d
2 To See if the town will vote to accept of the Act of the
Legislature authorizing the town to take stock in the
Androscoggin Bridge Company at Barkers Ferry
d
3 To See if the town will vote to take Stock in said
Bridge Company
th
4 To See how much Stock the town will vote to take
th
5 To see what provision the town will make to help the
families of volunteers
th
6 To choose a committee to look after said families
7 To transact any other business which may legally come
before said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel the fifth day of
July A. D. 1861

John Barker	}	Selectmen
O. H. Mason		of
Benj. T. Brown		Bethel

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Bethel July 13. 1861

By virtue of the within Warrent to me directed I
have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified
to vote in town affairs to meet as within directed by
posting up two copies of the within warrant on the outside
doors of the first Congregational meeting house and the free
meeting house being two public and conspicuous places in

Bethel and the places voted by the town to have notices for the town meetings posted on the fifth day of July A. D. 1861 seven days before the day of said meeting

Gilman Chapman Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant and return thereon.

Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Bethel July 13.1861

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place therein specified and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows.

- st
1 Choose Gilman Chapman Moderator and he was duly sworn into office by the town clerk before entering upon the duties of said office
d
2 On motion of O'N. W. Robinson Jr. voted that when action is taken on the second article

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it be by ballot and that all in favor of the act vote yes -- and those opposed no.

Whole number of votes forty three (43)

Yes forty two (42)

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No one (1)

- ^d
3 On motion voted that when action is taken on the third article it be by ballot and that all in favor of taking stock in said Bridge Company vote yes -- and those opposed no.

Whole number of votes fifty (50)

Yes forty seven (47)

No Three (3)

- 4 On motion voted to pass over this article
- 5 On motion voted to pass over the fifth article and take up the sixth Article
- 6 On motion voted that Elias M. Carter be a committee to look after the families of volunteers

th
Took up the 5 article -- On motion of John Barker
Voted that all necessary provision by the Agent E. M. Carter for the assistance of families of private volunteers

On motion voted to adjourn without day

Gilman Chapman Moderator

Recorded by

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

State of Maine

Return of the enrolled Militia of Bethel

1861

BenJ. W. Bean	Wallace M. Howard
Stephen Estes Jr.	David Adamson
Jedh. Estes	Galen Blake
James B. Daniels	S. R. Hutchins
Chas. Estes	Abel T. Hutchins ^d
Hiram W. Fifield	Richard Estes 2 ^m
W W. Bird	W H. Goddard
Jarius S. Bryant	S. L. Etheridge
BenJ. Bryant	S. H. Cummings
Eph. Bryant	Ruel W. Needham
Jacob A. Chase	James O. Brown
John E. Jordan	Chas. M. Brown
Chas. Crooker	Elias S. Bartlett
BenJ. Stevens	BenJ. S. Brown
James M. Bartlett	Zuch. A. Bean
David M. Goss	Kingsbury Curtis
James O. Lapham	C. C. Bean
Asa F. Bartlett	H. H. Bean
Eli Swan	Jotham S. Lane
David F. Foster	Arthur D. Holt
J. D. Hastings	Orlando P. Russell
Francis C. Bean	John D. Bean

John S. Colby	Lawson C. Beattie
James L. Estes	L. C. Bean
David H. Hall	Luther P. Holt
Jason Gay	^m W O. Holt
Chas. Buck	Oren B. Swan
Thial Heneston	Joseph Holt
David Heneston	Geo. K. Swan
Lewis Powers	Elijah Brown
Ethan W. Etheridge	John S. Swan
Samuel J. Howard	James Brown
Abiel Chandler Jr.	Ira J. Bean
David T. Hodgedon	Oliver Y. Nutting
Hiram Hodgedon	James Nutting

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Enrolled Militia of Bethel 1861 continued

^m W T. Brown	Alfred Twitchell
Elisha T. Swan	^m W F. Lovejoy
Amos A. Young	Amasa P. Lovejoy
Perry Chandler	Clifford Wheeler
Ira Cushman	Jhos. E. Mead
Judson E. Stearns	^m W O. Riley
^m W Laughlin	Franklin Bartlett
Samuel B. Twitchell	I. H. Barkett
Edmund Goddard	B. C. Grover
A. P. Eames	L. A. Sanborn

Milton W. Chapman

Joseph L. Merrill

Hiram A. York

St. John Hastings

George C. Atherton

Timothy Hastings

^m
W R. Eames

Gilman Smith

L. S. Smith

Seth E. Smith

^m
W H. Swan

Chas. F. Penly

Chas. D. Smith

Sam. T. Ordway

Moses H. Robertson

Washington B. Robertson

Solon Robertson

Benj. M. Clark

Jonathan Cross

Tyler P. Town

Asbury T. Rowe

R. A. Frye

S. B. Philbrook

Jacob Bencroft

^m
W H. Chandler

F. S. Chandler

M. C. Kimball

A. L. Burbank

A. C. Chapman

John F. Bryant

Newton Grover

I H. Grover

E. P. Grover

Sylvster Mason

Seth Mighill Jr.

Franklin Allen

Chas. Merrill

N. H. Potter

R. S. Lumb

Millon Holt

B. R. Bean Jr.

M. F. Libby

E. L. Richardson

Peter Wheeler Jr.

Galen Wheeler

Alex Grover

Pall Stone

Chas. L. Abbott

Osgood A. Brown

Eyer Farwell

Chas. Farwell

M. H. Leach

Denis Farwell

John F. Leach

Enrolled Militia of Bethel A. D. 1861 Continued

Amos Scribner	J. B. Hammond
E. G. Wheeler	L. D. Ward
Walter M. Mills	J. F. Ellingwood
Albert Grover	A. P. Chapman
D. B. Grover	B. G. Chapman
L. S. Bean	E. H. Chapman
E. W. Brown	J. Arno
A. P. Mason	H. N. Newell
Chas. J. Twitchell	Gilbert Chapman
Freeland Bennett	Timothy Richardson
Cyrus Mills Jr.	E. L. Richardson
Nelson Mills	R. H. Penley
J. R. Head	A. W. Mason
Joseph Head	J. S. Chapman
^m W Parks	S. Mason Jr.
G. W. Harden	^m W R. Bean
O. E. Harden	J. T. Tyler
E. S. Heath	G. P. Bean
A. J. Stiles	M. A. Mason
Abiel B. Lyon	T. H. Chapman
D. M. Grover	S. F. Bartlett
A. D. Grover	Theodore B. Verrill
R. L. Paine	Austin Grover
Jacob Paine	Elbridge Grover

L. G. Wheeler	Mullin Cross
Jedh. Wheeler	BenJ. Dyer
J. S. Young	Wood. Gerrish
M. M. Russell	Chas. Gerrish
J. F. Holt	J. Q. A. Waterman
G. L. Delrimple	John Barker
J. F. Hapgood	Geo. W. Parsons
Richard Hapgood	M. Mason
O. S. Wheeler	Art. Mason
Robbins Grover	Amos Wormmell
^m W. H. Brown	Emery Young
A. H. Wilson	S. W. Butterfield
Ralph Plummer	E. S. Mason

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Enrolled Militia of Bethel 1861 Continued

S. W. Brown	Henry Brown
T. R. Lovejoy	Chas. A. Harris
C. Richardson Jr.	O'N. W. Robinson
S. L. Dillaway	Solon Robertson
V. Twitchell	W. Stowell
Albert Twitchell	J. S. Mason
J. W. Phillips	^m W. Jackson
D. A. Edwards	J. Dudley
J. B. Rowe	Chas. Mason
G. A. Robertson	Mighill Mason

John Chapman
m
W. L. Chapman
D. H. Twitchell
J. E. Ayer
D. S. Mitchell
C
P. M. Closkey
Chas. Crosby
G. R. Maxwell
S. F. Gibson
C. M. Wormell
John Wormell
John D. Paine
Thos. Holt
J. F. Ballard
Ed. Gerrish
J. Dutton
E. H. Davis
N. B. Cook
J. B. Walker
S. W. Sanborn
D. Jacobs
Ceylon Rowe
John Temple
C. C. Barker
Hiram Young
W. C. Frye
G. A. Hastings

O. H. Mason
Hiram Twitchell
John Abbott
Newton Swift
D. C. Rowe
C. C. Holt
J. R. Ring
F. Russell
M. C. Foster
A. S. Chapman
A. Chas. Tubbs
G. H. Robinson
James Keyes
John Russell
C. C. Littlehale
Osman Smith
Edmund Merrill Jr.
A. S. Stiles
E. Eveleth
J. C. Sanborn
A. P. Knight
D. M. Stearns
O. M. Twitchell
C. L. Chapman
Edmund Chapman
G. L. Blake
Ben. F. Cook

Enrolled Militia of Bethel 1861 Continued

A. L. Stearns	L. Farwell
S. S. Stanley	T. P. Dustin
J. W. Sanborn	A. P. Abbott
J. E. Farwell	m W Macomber
E. Farwell	John Cooper
B. N. Annis	O. R. Haskell
Jacob Annis	Geo. Farwell
A. P. Blake	L. P. Holt
D. M. Needham	B. B. Farwell
A. G. Tinkham	m Ab Farwell
L. M. Russell	L. L. Dustin
L. Russell	L. G. Kimball
C. Buch	Jas. Pote
F. L. Ripley	m W Williamson
L. D. Russell	J. C. Stearns
R. York	Chas. A. Stearns
Chas. Russell	I. C. Stearns
E. Russell	W. W. Mason
John Ripley	Benj. Freeman
Hosea Ripley	
E. G. Stringer	
C. S. Edwards	
Isaac Cross	

We hereby certify that the above is a correct list
of the Soldiers in the town of Bethel April 15. 1861
according to our best beliefs

John Barker	}	Selectmen
O. H. Mason		of
Benj. T. Brown		Bethel

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To Mighill Mason Constable of the town of Bethel
You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to
notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel
qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the
Town House on the nineth day of September at ten oclock in
the forenoon to give in their votes for Govenor Senators
and Representative to represent them in the legislature of
this state

The Selectmen will be in session at the Town House
on the Seventh day of September at ten Oclock in the fore-
noon for the purpose of correcting the list of voters and
also at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of elections

Dated at Bethel the twenty Seventh day of August
A. D. 1861

John Barker	}	Selectmen
O. H. Mason		of
Benj. T. Brown		Bethel

PLEASE RETURN TO THE
Bethel Historical Society
BETHEL, MAINE 04217

Oxford ss. Bethel Sept. 9. 1861

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as the Constitution requires to meet at the time, place and purposes within named by posting up two attested copies of the within one on the Free Meeting House near Col. Ball Bartletts and on the first Congregationalist Meeting on Bethel Hill

Fees 2 copies 1.00 Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel

Travel	<u>1.00</u>
	\$2.00

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The fore going is a true copy of the original Warrant and return thereon

Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Bethel Monday September 9. 1861

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein expressed met at the time and place appointed and the meeting being legally opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen they proceeded to give in their votes for the several officers as follows

The whole number of Ballots given in was

The several officers voted for received the number of votes sevrally sat against their name as follows

For Govenor

Israel Washburn Jr. had Two hundred ninety nine	(299)
John W. Dana had One hundred twenty nine	(129)
Chas. D. Jameson had Seventy two	(72)

Senators

John P. Hubbard had two hundred ninety eight	(298
Elbridge G. Harlow had two hundred ninety eight	(298
Richard Hutchinson had two hundred two	(202
Henry D. E. Hutchins had One hundred thirty	(130
Francis L. Rice had Seventy three	(73

Clerk of the Courts

Sidney Perham had Two hundred ninety eight	(298)
Richard A. Frye had One hundred thirty two	(132)
Alvah Black had Seventy two	(72)

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County Attorney

William W. Bolster had Two hundred ninety eight	(298)
Thos. J. Bridgham had One hundred thirty	(130)
David R. Hastings had Seventy one	(71)

County Commissioners

Chas. Nutter had Two hundred ninety eight	(298
m W T. Taylor had Two hundred one	(201

County Treasurer

m
W A. Pidgin had Two hundred ninety eight (298
Horace Cunnings Two hundred two (202

Representative to Legislature

Jedediah Kimball had Three hundred four (304
JohnB. Mason had One hundred Eighty three (183
O. H. Mason had one (1

Recorded by

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

State of Maine

Oxford S.S.

Bethel

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Annual Town Meeting

A.D. 1862

To Mighill Mason a Constable
of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby
required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town
of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to
assemble at the Town House in said Town on monday the third
day of March next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on
the following articles, to wit.

- 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at Said meeting
- 2^d To Choose a Town Clerk
- 3^d To Choose Selectmen
- 4th To Choose Assessors
- 5th To Choose a Treasurer
- 6 To Choose a School Committee Supervisor
- 7 To Choose a Town Agent
- 8 To Choose Road Commisisoners or Highway Surveyers
- 9 To Choose Field Drivers & Fence Viewers
- 10th To Choose Surveyors of Lumber, Tything Men Sealers
of Leather, Measurers of Wood & Bark and Sextons
- 11 To Choose School District Agents
- 12 To Choose Collectors and Constables

- 13 To Choose Auditors and all other necessary Town
officers and Committees for the year ensuing
- 14 To raise money for the support of Schools
- 15 To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Auditors, the
School Committee and all other reports and receive
and allow accounts

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- 16 To raise money to support the Poor, repair and build
Bridges, to pay outstanding orders and to defray all
other Town charges for the ensuing year.
- 17 To raise money to repair Highways
- 18 To see what discount Shall be made to those who pay
money on their highway tax.
- 19 To make all necessary regulations for the collection
of the money tax and agree upon the percent for
collecting the same.
- 20 To see what method the Town will take to build and
provide a pound.
- 21 To See if the Town will vote to autherise the Treas-
urer to hire money or renew his note
- d
22 To see what method the Town will take to build the
new road by Daniel Dunn, Jr's.
- d
23 To See if the Town will accept of a road as laid out
by the Selectmen leading from the County road near
Charles Mason's house to land owned by Ayers Mason
known as Clark Street on petition of W^m Jackson.

- 24 To see if the Town will vote to accept of the list
of Jurors made out by the Selectmen together with
the Clerk & Treasurer.
- 25 To see what provision the Town will vote to make for
the families of Soldiers.
- 26 To See if the Town will vote to set off Hiram
Hodsdon with his estate from School District No. 22
to School District No. 14.
- 27 To To see if the Town will vote to buy a Poor farm
- 28 To see what place the Town will provide for the
State Maps.
- 29 To see how future Town meetings shall be warned.
- 30 To transact any other business which may legally
come before said meeting

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session
for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of
voters at the Town House

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at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this twentieth day
of February A.D. 1862.

John Barker	}	Selectmen
O. H. Mason		of
B. T. Brown		Bethel

Oxford S S.

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the time place and purposes within named by posting up two attested copies of the within in two public and conspicuous places in said Town, one on the outside door of the First Congregational Meeting house, one on the Free Meeting house near Eli Swan's, being the places the town voted to have them put at least seven days before this meeting

Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel

Bethel March 3, 1862

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrent and officers return thereon.

Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

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Bethel March 3, 1862

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows.

st

1 Choose Elias M. Carter Moderator and he was duly sworn

into office by the Town Clerk.

- ^d
2 Choose Albert L. Burbank Town Clerk who was duly sworn
into office by the Moderator according to law before
entering upon the duties of his office.

- ^d
3 On motion voted to pass over the ^d 3 and take up to 15
article.

Selectmen read their report

Voted to pass over the reading of the Superintending
School Committee report

Auditors Report

John Barker's bill as Selectman & Assessor and Over-
seer of the Poor

	Amt Claimed	\$57.10	Allowed	\$57.10
O. H. Mason Do	"	"	50.00	" 50.00
B. T. Brown	"	"	36.50	" 36.50
A. S. Gaines Services as Suping School	34.63	Com"		34.63
^m W. Bevins Do	"		31.50	" 31.50
D. Garland Do	"		28.75	" 28.75
Chas Mason Services as Treasurer"	10.00		"	10.00
S. F. Gibson " " Town Agent"	9.00		"	5.00
D. F. Brown Treasurer of Ministerial Fund	6.00	"		6.00
D. F. Brown cash paid E Sheply "	10.00		"	10.00
E. M. Carter bill attending to Volenteer Families				
"	6.00		"	2.00
J. S. Bryant for labour on Roads "	8.75		"	to be
allowed on highway tax	\$8.75			

Hiram W. Fifield for breaking roads \$5.87 to be allowed on

highway tax

Gilman Chapman Services as Council clmed	\$1.00	allowed	\$1.00
" " Warning 2 Town Meetings	3.00	"	3.00
" " for use of Town Pound	1.00	"	0.00
Auditors bills	claimed 3.00		3.00

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We would respectfully recommend that the auditors hereafter be chosen by written ballot.

All which is respectfully submitted

Chas. R. Locke	}	Auditors
A. P. Knight		of the
Jonathan Cross		Town of Bethel

Gilman Chapman Council

On motion voted to accept the Reports

James B. Daniels acct. of hyhway work \$6.85. Voted to allow on next year highway tax.

Andrew Twitchell acct. of highway work \$5.19 - voted to allow on Highway tax

On motion voted that all accounts presented for highway work be allowed on the next years highway tax by the same being certified by the highway Surveyor of the present year.

Mighill Mason presented bill as Constable to date \$4.00 Voted to allow three dollars on the same.

Mighill Mason present bill for Cook Store at Mrs. D. A. Edwards \$10.00 Voted to allow ten dollars for the same

Dr Russell (Rumford) for medical Services on Eben Peurly
\$6.00. Voted to allow six dollars on the same.

Benj. Estes acct. for work on highway \$2.45. voted to allow
the same - Samuel Bird acct. for work on highway voted to
allow the same on next years highway tax

Voted to reconsider the vote whereby Benj. Estes account of
\$2.45 was allowed - Voted to allow the same on next years
highway tax

d
3 Chose John Barker First Selectman

" Oliver H. Mason Second "

" Benj. T. Brown Third " who were all

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duly sworn into office according to law by the Town
Clerk in open Town meeting

4 Chose John Barker First Assessor

Oliver H. Mason Second "

Benj. T. Brown Third " who were all duly

sworn into office according to law by the Town Clerk in
open Town meeting

5 Chose David T. Brown Treasurer

6 On motin Voted to choose Supervisor of Schools instead
of School Committee.

Chose Rev. Daniel Garland Supervisor

7 Chose S. F. Gibson Town Agent

On motion voted that the remainder of the officers be

chosen by hand ballot except Auditors which are to be
chosen by ballot

8 On motion voted to chose Highway Survyors and following
persons were duly chosen

C. S. Heath #

D. A. Goss #

Almon Grover #

Gilman P. Bean #

Hiram Hodsdon

Frank S. Chandler

Mighill Mason #

A. S. Chapman #

John Russell #

G. L. Blake #

King Curtis

Stephen Estes, Jr. #

Daniel Dunn, Jr. #

Charles Estes #

Ira Cushman #

Abner Bennett #

Galen Blake #

George E. Farwell #

Lyman Bird #

E. C. Bean #

Stephen Cummings

Benj. Estes #

John S. Swan #

Alonz Howe

A. P. Chapman #

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Judson E. Stearns #

Lrenr? S. Smith #

Benj. Bartlett #

Eli H. Cushman

Eber Clough #

Henry R. Bartlett

John E. Farwell #

T. P. Towne

And those marked thus # were duly sworn
into office according to law by the Town Clerk in open
Town meeting

9 On motion voted that the Selectmen be Field Drivers and
Fence Viewers

10 Chose

Charles Mason

E. H. Chapman

A. H. Gerrish

J. Q. A. Waterman

Hosea Ripley

S. W. Butterfield

S. R. Hutchins Surveyers of Lumber

Chose

Chas. R. Locke

Gilman Chapman

Timothy Ayer

D. A. Twitchell

Mighill Mason Tythingmen

Chose D. F. Brown Sealer of Leather

Chose A. P. Knight and E. B. Goddard Measurers of Wood
and Bark

Chose

Timothy Ayer

Moses A. Mason

R. H. Jordan

over

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Gilman Smith

Benj. T. Clark

Eli Twitchell

I. G. Kimball

Moses Chandler

11 On motion voted that each School District chose their
own Agents

12 On motion voted that the collection of taxes be set up

to the lowest bidder and the same was struck off to
Mighill Mason at one cent and one mill per dollar

On motion voted to accept of the following persons as
bondsmen for Mighill Mason as collector of Taxes as
presented by him

Dr. Moses Mason

Moses A. Mason

Charles Mason

O. H. Mason

Chose Mighill Mason Collector of Taxes and he was duly
sworn into office by the Town Clerk according to law in
open Town meeting

Chose Mighill Mason

Elias S. Bartlett

I. G. Kimball

Constables

Mighill Mason was duly sworn into office as
Constable by the Town Clerk in open town meeting

13 Chose

Benj. Bartlett

Gilman Chapman

Pound Keepers

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14 On motion voted to raise the sum required by law for the
support of schools.

- 16 On motion voted to pass over and take up the 25 article
- 25 On motion voted to leave the Families of Soldiers in the hands of the Selectmen
- 16 On motion voted to raise one thousand dollars to support the Poor, repair and build Bridges, pay outstanding orders and defray town charges for the ensuing year.
- 17 On motion voted to raise Thirty five hundred dollars for repair of Highways
- 18 On motion of Gilman Chapman voted that when four shillings is offered in cash it be accepted as one dollar on highway tax
- 19 On motion voted to pass over the 19 article
- 20 On motion voted that John Barker, Benj. T. Brown and Benj. Bartlett's barn yards be Pounds
- 21 On motion voted that the Treasurer be authorized to renew his note of One thousand dollars to Mr. Joseph C. Walker at the same rate as last year six percent
- 22 On motion voted the building of the road by Daniel Dunn Jr. be left in the hands of the Selectmen
- 23 Selectmen read their report of Road laid out by them leading from County road near Cha^s Mason's house to land owned by Ayers Mason on petition of W^m Jackson.
- On motion voted not to accept of the report

- 24 On motion voted to accept of the list of Jurymen as made
out by the Selectmen, Clerk & Treasurer
- 26 Voted to pass over this article.
- 27 On motion voted to buy a Poor Farm
- 28 On motion voted that the State Map be left in the hands
of the Selectmen
- 29 Voted that future Town meetings be notified as usual by
posting notices on the outside doors of the First
Congregational meeting house and Free Meeting house near
Eli Swan's
- 30 Voted to adjourn

E. M. Carter Moderator

Recorded by

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss

Bethel March 4, 1862

Personally appeared David F.
Brown and took the oath required by law to qualify him to
discharge the duties of Town Treasurer.

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss

Bethel March 22, 1862

Personally appeared Rev. Daniel Garland and took the oath required by law to qualify him to discharge the duties of Supervisor of Schools

Before me attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

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Oxford SS.

Bethel March 24, 1862

Personally appeared Asa P. Knight and took the oath required by law to qualify him to discharge the duties of measurer of wood and Bark

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Oxford ss.

Bethel May 25. 1862

Personally appeared Francis S. Chandler and took the oath required by law to qualify him to discharge the duties of Highway Surveyor.

Oxford ss.

July 24. 1862

Personally appeared Israel G. Kimball and took the oath required by law to qualify him to discharge the duties of Constable

Before me

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 10 1862

To Mighill Mason a Constable of the Town of Bethel in
the County of Oxford

Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby
notified and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Bethel
qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the
Town House on Saturday the tenth (10) day of May instant at
two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following

articles to wit

- st
1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- d
2 To raise money to aid in the support of the families of
volunteers
- d
3 To see if the Town will vote to raise said money by tax-
ation or authorize the Town Treasurer to hire said money
- 4 To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road
leading from the County Road near Silas G. Wheelers
house to near Charles Paines house
- 5 To see what course the Town will take to build the road
leading from the County road near Silas G. Wheelers
house to near Charles E Paines house
- 6 To see if the Town will raise more money to defray Town
Charges and if so how much.
- 7 To transact any other business which may legally come
before said meeting

Given at Bethel under our hands this first day of
May A. D. 1862

John Barker	}	Selectmen
O. H. Mason		of
B. T. Brown		Bethel

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Oxford ss.

By virtue of the within to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Town House at the time and for the purposes within warned by posting up two attested copies of the within in two public and conspicuous places in said Town at least seven days before said meeting

Bethel May 10. 1862

Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel

Service 1.00

Travel & two copies 1.00
\$2.00

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant and officers return thereon

Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Bethel May 10 1862

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel legally

qualified to vote in Town affairs met at the time and place
therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by
the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows

st
1 Choose Elias S. Bartlett Moderator and he was duly sworn
into office by the Town Clerk

d
2 On motion voted to raise money for the support of
families of volunteers

On motion voted to raise one thousand dollars for the
support of families of volunteers

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d
3 On motion voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to
raise the money voted for the aid of families by hiring
the sum as it is needed

th
4 On motion voted to discontinue the Road leading from the
County Road near Silas G. Wheeler's House to near
Charles E. Paine's House

th
5 On motion voted to pass over this article

th
6 On motion voted to raise five hundred dollars (\$500.00)
to defray Town Charges

th
7 Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

d
Town Meeting July 23 1862

To

Mighill Mason a Constable of the Town of Bethel Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby
required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town
of Bethel qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to
assemble at the Town House in said Town on Wednesday the
twenty third day of July A. D. 1862 at three o'clock in the
afternoon to act upon the following articles to wit

st

1 To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

d

2 To see if the Town will vote to pay a bounty to such
Soldiers as may volunteer under general order No. 17
dated July 7. 1862

d

3 To determine the amount of said Bounty

Given under our hands at Bethel this fifteenth day
of July A. D. 1862

John Barker

O. H. Mason

}

Selectmen

of

Bethel

Oxford ss

By virtue of the within to me directed I have
notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by
law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time, place
and for purposes within named by posting two attested copies

of the within one on the free meeting House near Eli Swan's
and on the first Congregational meeting House on Bethel Hill
being two public and conspicuous places in said Town and the
same places

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the Town voted to have them put at least seven days before
said meeting

Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel

Fees

Travels .40

Copies 1.00

Return .60
\$2.00

d
Bethel July 23 1862

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant
and officers return thereon

Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

d
Bethel July 23 1862

Pursuant to the fore-
going warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel legally
qualified to vote in Town affairs met the time and place
therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by
the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows

st

- 1 Chose Alphin Twitchell Moderator and he was duly sworn
into office by the Town Clerk
- d
- 2 On motion of R A Chapman voted that the Town pay a
bounty to volunteers
- d
- 3 On motion of K. T. Kimball voted that the Town pay a
Bounty of fifty dollars to each volunteer
- 4 Voted that the Town authorize its Treasurer to hire
fifteen hundred dollars payable in one year and the same
be assessed on

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the rateable Polls Personal and Real Estate in said Town
in the year 1863 the same to be paid to the volunteers
when mustered into the United States Service

On motion voted to reconsider the third vote

On motion of D Hammons voted that the Town pay a Bounty
of fifty dollars in addition to what the State pays for
each volunteer under general order no. 17 Dated July 7.
1862

Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Town Meeting of Sept. 2^d. 1862

To

Mighill Mason Contable of the Town of Bethel in
the County of Oxford

Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby
requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said
Town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to
assemble in the Town House in said town on the second day of
September next at two o'clock in the afternoon to act on the
following articles to wit

st

- 1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- 2 To see if the Town will vote to pay a Bounty to the nine
months men called for by the President
- 3 To see what amount they will pay to each volunteer
- 4 To see what course the Town will take to raise said
money

Bethel Aug 25. 1862

John Barker

O. H. Mason

B. F. Brown

Selectmen

of

Bethel

Oxford ss.

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time place and for the purposes within named according to law

Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel

d
Bethel Sept. 2 1862

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The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant and officers return thereon

Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

d
Bethel Sept. 2 1862

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of Said Bethel legally qualified to vote in Town affairs met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows

First Chose Gilman Chapman Moderator and he was duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk

Second On motion of Mighill Mason voted to pay a Bounty to each Volunteer

Third Voted to pay a Bounty of twenty dollars (20\$) and

five dollars a month for the first six months to
each volunteer the same to be paid when mustered
into the United States Service

Fourth Voted that the Town Treasurer be authorized to raise
the sum of nine hundred dollars for one year and the
same to be assessed on the Rateable Polls Personal
and Real estate for the year eighteen hundred and
sixty three to be appropriated for the payment of
the volunteers

Fifth Voted to adjourn

A true record

Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

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Annual September meeting 1862

To

Mighill Mason

Constable of the Town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of
Bethel qualified to vote for Representatives to assemble at
the Town House on Monday the eighth day of September at ten
o'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for Governor
Senators and Representative to represent them in the Legis-
lature of this State and for Register of Deeds County

Treasurer County Commissner Sheriff and Judge of Probate
and for Representative to Congress to fill vacancy occa-
sioned by the resignation of Hon. Charles Walton and Repre-
sentative to the Thirty eighth Congress

The Selectmen will be in session at the Town House on
Saturday the sixth day of September at ten o'clock in the
forenoon for the purpose of correcting the list of voters and
at nine o'clock on the day of election

Dated at Bethel the 25 day of August A. D. 1862

John Barker	}	Selectmen
O H Mason		of
B. T. Brown		Bethel

Oxford ss.

By virtue of the within to me directed I have
notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by
law to give in their votes for Governor etc to meet at the
time place and

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purposes within mentioned according to law
Bethel Sept. 1862

Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant
and officers return thereon

Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

Bethel September 8. 1862

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of
Said Bethel legally qualified to vote in Town affairs met at
the time and place therein appointed and the meeting being
duly opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen they proceeded
to give in their votes for the several officers as follows

The whole numbers of Ballots given in was

The officers voted for recieved the number of votes
severally set against their names as follows

For Governor

Abner Coburn had Two hundred forty seven (247)

Bion Bradbury had one hundred fifty two (152)

Jameson had Three (3)

Senators

Rufus S Stevens had Two hundred forty seven 247

George B Barrows had Two hundred forty eight 248

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Senators

Alvah Black had One hundred sixty two 162

Henry D E Hutchins had One hundred sixty three 163

Register of Deeds

Alden Chase had Two hundred fifty one	251
Calvin Stanly had One hundred fifty eight	158
C Stanley had one	1

County Commissioner

Elias M Carter had Two hundred forty six	246
William Dunn had One hundred sixty two	162

County Treasurer

William A Pidgin had Two hundred forty eight	248
Samuel R Carter had One hundred sixty three	163

Sheriff

Horntis Austin had Two hundred forty eight	248
Otis True had One hundred sixty two	162

Judge of Probate

Enoch W Woodbury had Two hundred forty eight	248
Richard A Frye had One hundred sixty two	162

Representative to Legislature

Owen Foster Two hundred thirty two	232
Oliver H Mason had One hundred fifty six	156

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Representative to Legislature continued

O. H. Mason had Five	5
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John Lucas had One	1
John S. Abbott had One	1

Representative to Congress to fill vacancy
occasioned by resignation of Hon. Charles Walton

Thomas A. D. Fessenden had Two hundred forty seven	247
Calvin Record had One hundred sixty two	162

Representative to 38th Congress

Sidney Perham had Two hundred forty six	246
George Bates had One hundred sixty three	163

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Attest

A. L. Burbank Town Clerk

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State of Maine

Oxford ss.

Bethel

Annual Town Meeting

A. D. 1863

To Mighill Mason a Con-
stable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford.

Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday the second day of March next at ten O clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles. to wit.

- st
1 To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.
- nd
2 To choose a Town Clerk.
- d
3 To choose Selectmen.
- th
4 To choose Assessors.
- th
5 To choose a Treasurer.
- th
6 To choose a School Committee.
- th
7 To choose a Town Agent.
- th
8 To choose Road Commissioners or Highway Surveyors.
- th
9 To choose Field Drivers, Fence Viewers and Pound
Keepers.
- th
10 To choose Surveyors of Lumber, Tything Men, Sealers
of Leather, Measurers of Wood and Bark, and Sextons.
- th
11 To choose School District Agents.
- th
12 To choose Collectors and Constables.
- th
13 To choose Auditors and all other necessary Town
Officers and Committees for the year ensuing.
- th
14 To raise money for the support of School.
- th
15 To hear the Reports of the Selectmen, Supervisor of
Schools and all other reports.
- th
16 To receive and allow accounts.
- th

17 To raise money to support the Poor, repair and build
Bridges, pay outstanding Orders and to defray all
other Town charges for the ensuing year.

th
18 To raise money to aid the families of Vols.

th
19 To raise money to repair Highways.

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th
20 To see what discount shall be made to those who pay
Money on their Highway tax.

st
21 To make all necessary regulations for the Collection
of the Money Tax and agree upon the "percent" for
collecting the taxes.

nd
22 To see what method the Town will take to build and
provide a Pound.

d
23 To see if the Town accept of a Road vote to
authorize the Treasurer to hire money or renew his
note.

th
24 To see if the Town will accept of a Road as layed
out by the Selectmen leading from the road near
Joseph Holt's house to the road near Joshua Gossom's
house on the petition of Joseph Holt and others.

th
25 To see if the Town will vote to tax Dogs.

th
26 To see if the Town will vote to set off Hiram
Hodsdon with his estate from School District - No 22
to School District - No 14 agreeable to the petition
of Hiram Hodsdon.

th

27 To see if the Town will vote to grant a free pass to the inhabitants residing on the North side of the Androscoggin river in Bethel or take such other action in the matter as shall do away with the tax now paid by said inhabitants for ferriage.

28th To see if the Town will vote to give John C. Stearns his School money to expend in District No 4.

29th To see if the Town will vote to give set off Washington Crooker from District No 22 in the Town of Bethel and remove him to District No 10 in the Town of Greenwood agreeable to the petition of Washington Crooker and others.

30th To transact any other Business which may legally come before said meeting.

The Select-Men give notice that they will be in Session for the purpose of correcting the list of voters at the Town House at nine O clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bethel this twentieth day of February A. D. 1863.

John Barker	}	Select-Men
O. H. Mason		of
P. T. Brown		Bethel

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time, place and purposes within named by posting up two attested copies of the within in two public and conspicuous places, one copy on the free Meeting House near Eli Swan's , one on the first Congregational Meeting House on Bethel Hill, being the same places the Town voted to have them put at their last Annal Meeting in Bethel at least seven days before this Meeting.

Mighill Mason, Constable of Bethel
nd
Bethel March 2 1863.

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant and Officers return thereon

Attest

A. S. Twitchell, Town Clerk

nd
Bethel March 2 1863

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town clerk proceeded to business as follows

- st
1 Choose Elias M. Carter Moderator who was duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk
- nd
2 Choose Albert S. Twitchell Town Clerk who was duly sworn into office by the Moderator according to law, before entering upon the duties of his office.

rd
3 Choose Alphin Twitchell First Selectman
" Benjamin G. Brown Second "
" Gilman P. Bean Third "

who were

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all duly sworn into office according to law by the Town
Clerk in open town meeting.

th
4 Choose Alphin Twitchell First Assessor
" Benjamin T. Brown Second "
" Gilman P. Bean Third "

who were all duly sworn into office, according to law,
by the Town Clerk in open Town Meeting.

th
5 Choose David F. Brown Treasurer

th
6 Choose Rev. David Garland

A. T. True School Committee
S. R. Twitchell

Rev. David Garland & S. R. Twitchell were duly sworn
into office according to law by the Town Clerk in open
Town Meeting.

th
7 Choose Isarel G. Kimball Town Agent

th
8 On motion voted to pass over the 8th and take up the 16th
article.

th
16 The Report of the selectmen was then read and
accepted on file.

On motion voted to accept the Supervisor's Report

without being read.

th
8 On motion voted to over the 8th and take up the 25th
article.

th
25 On motion voted to tax dogs.

On motion voted to elect all other Officers by a
hand vote with the exception of Auditors.

th
8 Voted to choose Highway Surveyors, and the following
person were duly chosen.

H. G. Harden

Joseph W. Kimball #

Silas G. Wheeler #

John Barker #

Chas. T. D. Crockett #

R. A. Frye #

Joseph A. Twitchell #

A. S. Chapman #

John Russell #

S. W. Russell #

Joshua Chase

O. B. Swan #

Aaron P. Beatie #

Stephen Estes Jr. #

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Josiah Moody

Alfred Estes

Aros A. Young
Abner Bennett
David Adamson
Simeon Sanborn
m
W O. Holt #
R. W. Needham #
Richard Estes #
S. J. Howard #
Timothy Bean #
James Estes
Eleazer Rowe #
Moses A. Mason #
John M. Philbrook #
Benjamin Bartlett
Epharime Bryant #
W F. Lovejoy
Henry R. Bartlett
A. C. Littlehale
Jonathan Cross

On motion a second Highway Surveyor was to be chosen in
A. S. Chapman's district and A. P. Knight # was chosen.

And those marked thus # were duly sworn into office
according to law by the Town Clerk in open Town Meeting.

th
9 On motion voted that the Selectmen be Field drivers and
Fence viewers.

Choose

Gilman Chapman

Benjamin T. Brown Pound Keepers.

10th On motion voted to pass the 10th and take up the 27th article.

27th On motion voted to pass over the 27th article

10th Choose

John W. Phillips

Mighill Mason

Hosea Ripley

John Q. Waterman Surveyors of Lumber

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Choose

Gilman Chapman

Asa P. Knight

Geo. F. Ellingwood

James M. Holt

Joseph A. Twitchell Tythingmen.

Choose

David F. Brown

Asa P. Knight Sealers of Leather

Choose

E. B. Goddard

Barker Holt

David F. Brown Measuerers of Wood and Bark.

Choose

A. C. Chapman
I. G. Kimball
Gilman Smith
Benjamin Clark
Eli Twitchell
Richard A. Jordan
Dudley A. Needham
Timothy Ayer
Abraham Bryant
Amos A. Young Sextons

11th On motion voted that each School District choose
their own Agents.

12th On motion voted that the collection of Taxes be set
up to the lowest bidder and the same was struck off
to Mighill Mason at four mills per dollar.

On motion voted to accept of the following
persons as bondsmen for Mighill Mason as Collector
of Taxes as presented by him.

Moses A. Mason
O. H. Mason
Dr. Moses Mason
R. A. Chapman

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Choose

David F. Brown
Mighill Mason
I. G. Kimball Constables.

13th Choose

John Barker
Alphim Twitchell
Chas. R. Locke Auditors.

14th On motion voted to raise the sum required by law for
the support of schools.

16th Voted to recive and allow accounts as follows.

John Barker's bill as Selectman, Assessor and overseer of of the poor	amount claimed	allowed
O. H. Mason do	" "	" "
BenJ. T. Brown's do	" "	" "
David F. Brown's services as Treasurer	" "	" "
David Garland " " Supervisor	\$55.00	\$55.00
Dr. J. Fanning " " Physician	" "	\$ 5.12
E. M. Carter's bill for attending Vol's families	" "	" "
John Swan Sen. for labor on Roads	" \$15.66	\$15.66
on Highway tax.		
Benjamin Estes for labor on Roads	" \$ 2.45	\$ 2.45
on Highway tax.		
Timothy Bean for labor on Roads	" \$19.56	\$19.56
Moses Chandler for labor on Roads	" \$ 3.37	\$ 3.37

17th On motion voted to raise one thousand five hundred
dollars to support the Poor, repair and build Bridges,

pay outstanding orders and to defray all other Town charges for the ensuing year.

th

18 On motion voted to raise two thousand dollars to pay past bills in aid of the families of Vols. and and to defray bills contracted for the same the ensuing year.

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th

19 On motion voted to raise two thousand five hundred dollars for repair of Highways

th

20 On motion voted that .83 1/3 percent discount be made to those who pay money on their Highway tax.

st

21 On motion voted to pass over the 21th Article.

nd

22 On motion voted to instruct the Selectmen to build a Pound.

d

23 On motion voted that Treasurer be authorized to renew his notes or hire money when absolutley necessary.

th

24 On motion voted to accept the following road report of the Selectmen, without the damages.

Report

The subscribers, Selectmen of Bethel upon the application of Joseph Holt and others to lay out a Town Way in said town beginning at the road near Joseph Holt's house and ending at the road near Joshua Gosson's house having given seven days notice of our intentions to lay out the same and

stated in said notice the termini thereof, by posting said notice in two public places in said town and in the vicinity of the proposed route, to wit at the Store of C. & O. H. Mason and at the meeting house near Bean's Corner in said Town on the twenty fifth day of November instant and having met at the time and place appointed for that purpose and having personally examined the rout proposed, are of the opinion that there is occasion for a public Town way for the use of said Town as proposed. We therefore lay out said way as follows.

Beginning on road East of the end of a stone wall near Joseph Holt's house thence running South 35 deg East four rods 7 links, thence due East 29 rods, thence East 4 deg. North 84 rods, thence due East 47 rods, thence East 1 deg. South 2.8 rods thence East 8 deg. South 18 rods, thence East 14 deg. South 70 rods, thence East 22 deg. South 22 rods, thence East 25 deg. South 23 rods thence East 38 deg. South 26 rods, thence East 18 deg. South 66 rods thence East 25 deg. South 11 rods, thence East 23 deg. South 34 rods, thence East 20 deg. South 30 rods, thence East 25 deg. South 12 rods, thence East 40 deg. South 15 rods to the road near Joshua Gosson's

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house, the line described to be the middle of the Highway and the Highway to be three rods wide; and we award to said

John Garland \$75. to said John S. Swan \$75. to said Timothy Bean \$80. for their damages to be paid by said Town respectively and we allow the several owners respectively six months to take off the wood standing or growing on said land, and to remove the fences which such laying out with the boundaries and admeasurements have been filed with the Town Clerk on the seventeenth day of February, being seven days before this meeting and we now hereby report such laying out with the boundaries and admeasurements of the same to said Town at the meeting of the inhabitants regularly warned and notified for them to accept and allow the same.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of February 1863.

John Barker	}	Selectmen
O. H. Mason		of Bethel

A true copy

Attest

A. S. Twitchell Town Clerk

26th On motion voted not to set off Hiram Hodsdon with his Estate from School District No. 22 to No. 14.

28th On motion voted to give John A. Stearns his school money to expend in District No 4

29th On motion voted to pass over the 29th Article.

30th On motion voted to adjourn.

E. M. Carter Moderator

Recorded by

A. S. Twitchell Town Clerk

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Oxford ss.

Bethel April 15th 1863.

Personally appeared Mighill Mason and took the oath
required by Law to qualify him to discharge the duties of
Constable before me.

Attest

A. S. Twitchell Town Clerk

Oxford ss.

Bethel May 4th 1863.

Personally appeared John C. Littlehale and took the
oath required by Law to qualify him to discharge the duties
of Highway Surveyor.

Before me.

A. S. Twitchell Town Clerk

Oxford ss.

Bethel May 7th 1863.

Personally appeared William F. Lovejoy and took the
oath required by Law to qualify him to discharge the duties
of Highway Surveyor.

Before me.

A. S. Twitchell Town Clerk

Oxford ss.

Bethel May 8th 1863

Personally appeared Joshua Chase and took the oath
required by Law to qualify him to discharge the duties of
Highway Surveyor.

Before me.

A. S. Twitchell Town Clerk

Oxford ss.

Bethel July 18th 1863

Personally appeared I. G. Kimball and took the oath
required by Law to qualify him to discharge the duties of
Constable.

Before me.

A. S. Twitchell, Town Clerk

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To Mighill Mason a Constable of the Town of Bethel in
the County of Oxford.

Greeting.

Whereas application has been made to us the Select-Men of Bethel in said County by
sixteen legal votes in Said town to act upon the articles herein after mentioned

In the name of the State of Maine you are required to notify and warn all persons
qualified by law to vote at such meeting to assemble at the Town House in said town on Thurs-
day the twenty third day of July A.D. 1863 at two O Clock P.M. to act upon the following

Articles (viz)

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.
- 2nd To see if the town will vote to pay a bounty to such persons as may be drafted or con-
scripted residing in Bethel to fill the quota called for from Bethel under the Conscript
Act passed by the last session of the United States Congress.
- 3rd To see what amount of Bounty the town will vote to pay to soldiers who may be drafted
under said Act.
- 4th To see if the Town will vote to raise money to pay such Bounties and autharise amount
and direct its treasurer to hire or loan the money neccessary for that purpose at a rate
not exceeding six per-cent interest.
- 5th To transact any other business legally before said meeting.

Alphin Twitchell

Selectmen

B.T. Brown

Of

Bethel. Aug 14th. A.D. 1863 _____

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Oxford ss.

By virtue of the within to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in said town on Thursday the twenty third day of July A.D. 1863, by posting up two certified notices copies of the within in two public places in said town, one copy on the free Meeting house near Beans Corner on the outside door, one copy on the first Cong. Meeting house on Bethel Hill, being two public and conspicuous places in said town and being the same places the town voted to have them put.

d
Bethel July 23 /63

Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the Original Warrent and Officers return thereon.

Attest

A.S. Twitchell Town Clerk

d
Bethel July 28 1863

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel, legally qualified to vote in Town affairs met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting

having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows.

Choose Aaron Cross who was duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.

On motion voted to pass over the 2nd Article. It being disputed, a hand vote was taken when said Article was again declined as passed over by a large majority. On motion voted to pole the house, which being done it was announced by the Moderator as follows. Ninety-five in favor passing over, sixty-one opposed. On motion voted to reconsider the vote upon which motion remarks

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were made by D. Hammns, Frank Russell, Gilman Chapman, D.F. Brown and others. The vote was then put to reconsider and announced as not having passed. On motion voted to adjourn sine die. The vote disputed and an amendment made as follows. In place of "sine die" read "next Saturday at two O clock." Amendment voted down.

On motion voted to adjourn without day.

Aaron Cross Moderator

Recorded by

A. S. Twitchell, Town Clerk

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To Mighill Mason, Constable of the town of Bethel. Greeting.

Pursuant to a request to me made by ten or more legal voters of the town of Bethel. In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby commanded to notify and warn the legal voters of said town to meet at the Town House in said Bethel on Saturday the eight day of August at one (1) O clock in the Afternoon to act upon the following articles. To wit

- 1st To choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting.
- 2nd To see if the town will vote to pay bounty of not exceeding three hundred dollars to each man in Said Bethel who has been drafted or conscripted under the late act of Congress and who shall be examined and found able bodied and physically competent for a soldier by the examining board.
- 3rd To see if the town will authorize and direct the Select-men of said town to draw an order in favor of each of said men on the Town Treasurer for such sum as the town may Vote to each man.

David Hammons, Justic of Peace.

Bethel Aug 1st . 1863.

Oxford ss.

By virtue of the within to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the time, place and for the purposes within named by posting up two attested copies of the within, one on the free Meeting house near Bean's Corner, one on the Cong. Meeting house on Bethel Hill, being two public and conspicurs places in said town and the same places that the town voted on it.

Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel

Bethel Aug 8th /63

The fore going is a true copy of the Original Warrant and Officers return thereon.

Attest.

A.S. Twitchell, Town Clerk

Bethel Aug 8th . 1863.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of said Bethel, legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place therein appointed, and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business, as follows.

Choose David F. Brown Moderator who was duly sworn into Office by the Town Clerk.

On motion voted to pass over Article 2nd . It having been disputed a hand vote was taken which resulted as follows, seventy-four in favor of passing over and sixteen opposed,.

On motion voted to adjourn sine die.

David F. Brown Moderator

Recorded by

A. S. Twitchell, Town Clerk

To I. G. Kimball a Constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford. Greeting.

Whereas application has been made to us, Select Men of Bethel in said County, by ten legal voters in said Town, to call a meeting of the inhabitants of said Town to act upon the

Articles herein after mentioned.

In the name of the State of Maine you are required to notify and warn all persons qualified by Law to vote at such Meeting to assemble at the Town House in Said town on Saturday August 8th at four (4) O clock in the Afternoon then and there to act upon the following Articles. (Viz):

- 1st. To Choose a Moderator to preside over said Meeting.
- 2nd. To see if the Town will vote to pay a bounty to all Soldiers drafted in this Town under the recent draft when mustered into the United States Service or who furnish a
—~~Substitute~~ Substitute and is accepted:
- 3rd. To see how much bounty the Town will raise pay:
- 4th. To see what method the Town will take to raise the money for that purpose:

Bethel Aug 1st 1863.

Alphine Twitchell	}	Selectmen
B. T. Brown		Of
		Bethel

Bethel Aug 8th . A. D. 1863.

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at said time and place and for the purposes therein named by posting two attested copies of said Warrant: one on the free Meeting house near Bean's Corner, and one on the first Parish Church in said Town, They being public and conspicuous places in said Town on the first day of August - being seven days before the meeting

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant and Officers return thereon.

Attest

A. S. Twitchell. Town Clerk

Bethel Aug 8th . 1863

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel legally qualified to vote in Town affairs met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk, proceeded to business, as follows.

Choose E. M. Carter Moderator who was duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.

On motion voted to pass over Article 2nd , which being disputed and on motion the house being polled, it was declaired a vote not to pass over said Article.

On motion voted to give a bounty to such Soldiers as is presently* expressed by Article 2nd .

Then listened to remarks from D. Hammons, D. F. Brown, Joniah Burn, Nathan Grover and others after which on motion voted to pay each man when so mustered in the sum of fifty dollars (\$50.) Which being disputed was afterwards carried by a large majority.

On motion voted to pay \$300. As by Article 2nd of the Warrant calling the last preceeding meeting which being disputed and a hand vote taken, it was declared as not being a vote.

*presently--could not make out the word completely.

On motion voted to assess and raise the money as voted the present year which being disputed and a hand vote taken, it was declared as not a vote.

On motion voted that the Selectmen or a Special Committee be authorised to raise the money in twenty years, interest not to exceed 12 percent, which being disputed and a hand vote taken, it was declared as not a vote.

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On motion voted that the Treasurer issue his note backed by the Selectmen and certified by the Clerk the amount to be assessed and raised in A. D. 1864, which being disputed and a hand vote taken it was declared as being a vote.

On motion voted to adjourn.

E. M. Carter, Moderator

Recorded by

A. S. Twitchell, Town Clerk

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Annual September Meeting 1863

To

Mighill Mason

Constable of the Town of Bethel

You are hereby requested in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn

the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in the election of Representative to the State Legislature to assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday the fourteenth day of September at ten O clock in the forenoon, to give in their vote for Govenor, Senators and Representative to represent them in the Legislature of this State, and for Clerk of Courts, County Treasurer and County Commissioners

The Select Men will be in session at the Town House in Bethel on Saturday the twelfth day of September at one O clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters, and on Monday the fourteenth day at nine O clock in the forenoon.

Dated at Bethel the second day of September A. D. 1863.

Alphin Twitchell	}	Selectmen
B. T. Brown		Of
G. P. Bean		Bethel

Bethel Sept 14th 1863

Oxford ss.

By virtue of the within to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote, to assemble at the time, place and purposes within named, by posting up two attested copies of the within in said Town in two public and conspicuous places, one on the free Meeting House near Bean's Corner, one on the 1st Cong. Meeting House on Bethel Hill, being the same places

the Town voted to have them put, at least seven days before this meeting.

		Constable
Mighill Mason	}	Of
		Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant and Officers return therein

Attest

A. S. Twithcell Town Clerk

Bethel Sept 14th 1863.

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said Bethel legally qualified to vote in Town affairs, met at the time and place therein appointed, and the meeting being duly opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen. They proceeded to give in their votes for the several Officers as follows.

The whole number of Ballots given in was as follows. Five hundred and eleven
(511)

For Govenor.

Samuel Cony had Two hundred and ninety seven (297)

Brin Bradbury " Two hundred and fourteen (214)

For Senators.

Rufus S. Stevens had Two hundred and ninety three (293)

George B Barrows “ Two hundred and ninety three (293)

David Colcord “ Two hundred and seventeen (217)

Thomas J. Cox had Two hundred and seventeen (217)

For Clerk of Courts.

Albert L. Burbank had Two hundred and ninety two (292)

Samuel F. Gibson “ Two hundred and Seventeen (217)

For County Commissioner

Christopher C. Cushman had Two hundred and ninety three (293)

William Darin “ Two hundred and fourteen (214)

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For County Treasurer.

William A. Pidgine had Two hundred and ninety four (294)

Samuel R. Carter “ Two hundred and fifteen (215)

For Representative to Legislature

John Barker had Two hundred and ninety five (295)

R. A. Frye “ Two hundred and fifteen (215)

A true Record

Attest

To I. G. Kimball, Constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford...

Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required in petition of I. G. Kimball and eleven others to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by Law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town house in said Town on Tuesday the thirteenth day of October next at two O clock in afternoon to act on the following articles, to wit.

- 1st To choose Moderator to preside in Said Meeting.
- 2nd To see if the Town will discontinue the road leading from Joseph Holt's house to Joshua Gossome's house.
- 3rd To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bethel this fifth day of October 1863.

Alphin Twitchell	}	Selectmen
B. T. Brown		Of
G. L. Bean		Bethel

Bethel Oct. 18th 1863

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and

place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting up two attested copies of such Warrant, one on the free meeting house near Bean's Corner and one on the first parish Church, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the sixth day of October, being seven days before said Meeting.

I. G. Kimball	}	Constable
		Of
		Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant and Officers return.
Attest

A. S. Twitchell Town Clerk.

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Bethel Oct. 13th 1863

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said Bethel, legally qualified to vote in Town Affairs, met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting being duly opened proceeded to business as follows.

- 1st Made choice of B. T. Brown for Moderator who was duly sworn into Office by E. M. Carter, Justice of the Peace.
- 2nd Made choice of I. G. Kimball Clerk pro tem who was duly sworn into Office.
- 3rd Voted to discontinue the road leading from Joseph Holt's house to Joshua Gossom's house.

November 1863 Meeting

Oxford ss.

State of Maine

To I. G. Kimball, a Constable of the Town of Bethel, County and State
aforesaid. Greeting

Whereas application has been made by us, the Select Men of Bethel in said
County by seventeen legal voters in said Town, to call a meeting of the inhabitants of said
Town to act upon the Articles herein after mentioned

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn all
persons qualified by law to vote at such meeting, to assemble at the Town House in said
Town on Saturday the fourteenth day of November A. D. 1863 at two O clock P. M. to act
upon the following Articles (viz)

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|--------|---|
| First | To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting |
| Second | To see if the town will vote to pay a bounty to all persons who may volunteer
and be mustered into the Service of the United States to fill the quota of the
Town of Bethel under the call of the President of the United States of October
17 th 1863. |
| Third | To see how much bounty the Town will pay to each volunteer mustered into
Said service as aforesaid. |
| Fouth | To see what method the Town will take to raise the money for that purpose. |

Fifth To act upon any other business which may legally come before said Meeting.

Given under our hands at said Bethel this 4th day of November

A. D. 1863

Alphin Twitchell Selectmen

B. T. Brown of

G. P. Bean Bethel

Bethel Nov 4th 1863

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November 14 1863

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up two attested copies of such Warrant, one on the free Meeting House near Bean's Corner and one on the first Parish Church in said town, being both public places in said town and places where the town voted to have them posted: on the seventh day of November being seven days before said Meeting.

I. G. Kimball, Constable of Bethel.

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant and Officers return thereon.

Attest

A. S. Twitchell, Town Clerk,

Bethel November 14th 1863

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of the Town of Bethel qualified as therein directed assembled at the time and place therein appointed and the Meeting being duly opened by the Town Clerk, proceeded to business, as follows.

Made choice of David F. Brown Moderator, who was duly sworn into Office by the Town Clerk.

On motion voted to pay a bounty to all volunteers as by Article 2nd, of the Warrant calling said Meeting.

On motion voted to pay three hundred dollars (\$300.00) to each as aforesaid.

On motion voted that the Treasurer be authorised to raise this money as in his judgment shall seem best and also that an assessment of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and interest on the whole be made annually upon the inhabitants until paid.

There be no further business to come

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before the meeting, on motion voted to adjourn.

David F. Brown Moderator

Recorded by

A. S. Twitchell Town Clerk,

December Meeting 1863

To I. G. Kimball a Constable

of the Town of Bethel

Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required on petition of I. G. Kimball and thirteen others to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in said town on Saturday the twelfth day of December 1863 at one of the O clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles.

1st To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

2nd To see if the town will vote to exempt from taxation for a term of years. Such Steam Saw Mill and Property, connected therewith, as the Bethel Steam Mill Co. may erect on or near the site of the one lately destroyed by fire.

3rd To see if the town will vote to instruct their Representative to vote and use his influence to get an Act passed by the Legislature, ratifying the Action of the town in this premises.

4th To see if the town will vote to reconsider the vote taken at their last town meeting whereby they voted to instruct the Treasurer to raise money to pay bounties to volunteers to fill the quota of Bethel under the call of the President of the United States of October 17th 1863, as in his Judgement seemed best, and also that an assessment of \$2000. and interest on the whole be made anually upon the Inhabitants of Bethel until paid.

5th To see what course the town will take to raise the money to pay said Bounties.

6th To transact any other business that may legally come before said Meeting.

Given under our hands at Bethel this fourth day of December A. D. 1863.

Alphin Twitchell	}	Selectmen
B. T. Brown		of
G. P. Bean		Bethel

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Bethel December 12th .1863.

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned by posing up two attested copies of such Warrant, one on the free Meeting house near Bean's Corner, and one on the first Parish Church, both being public and conspicuous places in said town and they being the places where the town last voted to have their Warrants posted, on the fifth day of December, being seven days before said meeting.

I. G. Kimball

Constable of Bethel.

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant and Officers return thereon.

Attest

A. S. Twitchell, Town Clerk.

Bethel December 12th 1863

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of the Town of Bethel, qualified as therein directed, assembled at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting being duly opened by the Town Clerk, proceeded to business, as follows.

- 1st. Choose Charles Mason, Moderator who was duly sworn into Office by the Town Clerk.
- 2nd. On motion voted to exempt the Bethel Steam Mill Co. from taxation for a term of ten years, as by Article 2nd of the foregoing Warrant.
- 3rd. On motion voted that the Town instruct their Representative as by article 3rd of said Warrant.
- 4th. On motion voted to pass over Article 4th.
- 5th. On motion voted to pass over Article 5th.
- 6th. On motion voted to Adjourn sine die.

Chas. Mason Moderator

Recorded by A. S. Twitchell Town Clerk.

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State of Maine

Oxford ss. -----Bethel

Annual Town Meeting

A.D. 1864

To Mighill Mason a Constable of Bethel in
the County of Oxford Greeting.

In the Name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn
the inhabitants of the Said Town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to
assemble at the Town House in Said Town on Monday the Seventh (7) day of March at ten
O clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles to wit.

1st To Choese a Moderator to preside in Said

Meeting.

2nd To Choese a Clerk

3rd To Choese Selectmen

4th To Choese Assessors

5th To Choese a Treasurer

6th To Choese a School Committee

7th To Choese a Town Agent

8th To Choese Road Commsioners or Highway Surveyors

9th To Choese Field Drivers, Fence Viewers and Pound Keepers

10th To Choese Surveyors of Lumber Tything Men, Sealers of Leather Measurers of Wood
and Bark and Sextons.

- 11th To Choese School Dist Agents
- 12th To Choese Collector & Constables
- 13th To Choese Auditors and all other Town Officers and Committees for the ensuing year.
- 14th To See if the town will vote to Set off Hiram Hodsdon from Dist No 22 to District No 14 with his estate
- 15th Too See if the Town will vote to Set off I. F. Osgood and Hazon Osgood from Dist No 11 to Dist No 12 with their Estates
- 16th To Rase Money to Support Schools
- 17th To receive and allow accounts
- 18th To rase Money to Support the Poor repair and build Bridges to pay out Standing Orders and defrey all other town Charges for the ensuing year
- 19th To raise Money to aid familys of Volunteers
- 20th To raise Money to repair Highways
- 21st To See what Discount Shall be made to those who will pay
- 22nd To Make all nessecary regulations for the Collection of the Money Tax and agree on the per cent amount for collecting Same
- 23rd To See what method the Town will take to build and provide a Pound and where locate it
- 24th To See if the Town will authorze the Treasurer to hire Money or renew his Notes
- 25th To See if the Town will except of the road as laid out by the Selectmen leading from near Joseph Holts House to Joshua Gossons House as on partition of Joseph Holt and

others

- 26th To See if the Town will except of the Road laid out by Selectmen leading from James Estes farm to the County

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Road near Enoch Stiles on partition of Samuel Bird and others

- 27th To See if the Town will Vote to Tax Dogs
- 28th To See if the Town will Vote to give John C Stearns his School Money to expend in Dist No 4
- 29th To See if the Town will Vote to give Washington Crooker his School Money to expend in District No 10 in Greenwood

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in Session at the Town House in Bethel on Monday the Seventh day of March A D 1864 at nine O clock in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the check list Votes

Given under our hands this Twenty third day of February at Bethel A D 1864

Alphrine Twitchell	}	Selectmen
B T Brown		of
		Bethel

Oxford ss

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of

Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House on the Seventh day of March A D 1864 at ten oclock in the forenoon to act on the within Warrent Articles by posting up two attested Coppeys in the two public places (to wit) one on the free Meeting House at Beans Corner and one on the first Congregational Meeting House on Bethel Hill being the same places the voted voted to have them put at least Seven days before said Meeting

Bethel March 7th 1864

Maghill Mason

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Constable

of

Bethel

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The foregoing is a True Copy Original Warrent and officers return thereon

Attest

O H. Mason

Town Clerk

Bethel March 4th 1864

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the inhabitants of said Bethel legally qualified to Vote in Town Affairs met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Constable proceeded to business as follows

1st Chose Elias M Carter Moderator and he was duly sworn into office by O H Mason
Justice of the Peace

2nd Chose Oliver H Mason Town Clerk who was Sworn into office by the Moderator

3rd Chose Alphin Twitchell
Gilman P Bean
Israel G. Kimball

} Selectmen

Who were Duly Sworn by the Town Clerk

4th Chose Alphin Twitchell
G P Bean
I G Kimball

} Assessors

Who were Duly Sworn by the Town Clerk

5th Chose David F. Brown } Treasurer

6th Chose S. R. Hutchins } School Committee

7th Chose Elias M Carter } Town Agent

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8th On motion voted the other offices be chosen by hand ballot

C G Harden

Eli Foster

Almey Grover

Nathan Grover #

Hiram Hodgon

N T True #

Mighill Mason #

Eli W Barker

Aaron Abbott

C F Walker

I G Kimball

A D Holt #

Hiram H Bean

Stephen Estes Jr

Elbridge E Fifefield

Gilman Daniels

Moses Chandler

George W Grover

David Aderson

G D Kendall #

John D Hastings

E S Bartlett

Richard Estes

Benjm Estes

Timothy Bean

Jacob T Kimball

C I Richardson

Israel Adams #

Gilman Smith #

Benjm Bartlett

Eben Clough

Jacob A Cross

Henry R Bartlett

W W Mason

Woodson Mason #

were chosen Highway Surveyors for the ensuing year and all Marked # others were

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present and were duly sworn by the Town Clerk

9th Voted the Selectmen should be Field Drivers Fence Viewers and Pound Keepers and
the Selectmen's Barn Yards should be Pounds also Gilman Chapman's Barn Yard
should be a Town Pound

10th Voted John A Twitchell

William Gerrick

Pinkney Burnham

John W Philips

S W Russell

to be Surveyors of Lumber

Voted William R Emas

John A Twitchell

Casper L. Capen

C M Wormell

Mighill Mason

To be Tything Men

Voted D F. Brown

A P Knights

G H Artherton

To be Sealers of Leather

Voted Pinkney Burnham

S D Philbrook

A H Gerrish

Barker Holt Sworn

To be Surveyors of Wood & Bark

Voted Moses A Mason

Gilman Smith

Benjm Clark

C S Lang

Timothy Ayers

Eli Twitchell

Dudley Needham

Albion Bryant

Amos A Young

To be Sextons

11th Voted each School District chose his own Agent

12th Chose Mighill Mason D F Brown I G Kimball E S Bartlett Constables

Voted to pass over Articles 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and take up 22. Voted the

Collection of the Money Tax be set up to the lowest bidder Which was struck off on

Mighill Mason for three Mills on a dollar for collection

Voted to chose a Collector of the money Tax for the ensuing year

Made choice of Mighill Mason for collector

Voted Mighill Mason should present Validating* Bonds for the collection of the taxes

to the exceptance of the Selectmen

Voted to take up article No 13

13th Chose O H Mason R A Chapman E M Carter Auditors

14th Voted Hiram Hohgdon be Set off from School District No 22 to School District No 14
with his estate

* The writing was almost unreadable; this is what I think it is.

15th Voted to pass over

16th Voted to raise what the law allows for School purposes

17th Voted to allow the Auditors Report

A S Twitchell	\$55.00
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Alphin Twitchell	\$65.00
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B F Brown	\$56.00
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G. P. Bean	\$44.00
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David Garland	\$29.35
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N T True	\$28.90
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D F Brown	\$ 6.00
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Do	\$10.00
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Mighill Mason	\$ 6.00
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“	\$ 3.98
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“	\$.69
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“	\$32.20
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Dr. J Fanning	\$ 5.00
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“ O M Twitchell	\$25.00
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Auditors Bills	\$ 3.00
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- 18th Voted to raise Fifteen Hundred Dollars to defray Town Charges for the ensuing year
- 19th Voted to pass over Article 19th
- 20th Voted to raise by taxation Twenty Five Hundred (2500\$) Dollars for Highway Tax
- 21st Voted that a discount of fifty per cent on all Highway Taxes shall be allowed by the
Surveyor in the Serval Districts to all persons who shall pay the same in Money to the
Surveyor in his District on or before the first day of June next
- 23rd Voted to pass over Article 23rd
- 24th Voted the Town Treasurer be authorized to renew his notes or higher the Money to
Pay the Same as he can do the best with the Parties which hold them

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- 25th Voted to Except of the Road on partition of Joseph Holt and others

Report

The Subscribers Selectmen of Bethel upon the application of Joseph Holt and others, to lay out a town way in Said town Begining at new Joseph Holts House and ending near the dweling House of Joshua Gossom have given Seven day written Notice of our intention to lay out the Same, and Stated in Said Notice the termini thereof, by posting of Said Notice in two public places in Said town and in the vircinity of the proposed road, to wit, at C & O H Mason Store and at the School House in District No 10 in Said Town on the 24th day of November instant and having Met at the time and place appointed for that purpose and having personlly

examined the road proposed are of the opinion that there is occasion for a town way for the use of said town as proposed we therefore lay out Said way as follows

Beging at the Stake on the Side of the road Near the dwelling house of Joseph Holt in Said town thence runing South Eighty Seven Degrees East thirty rods to a Stake in the Center of the road South of John Garlands carridge House, thence South eighty five Degrees east Twenty Eight Rods to a Stake in the road, thence due East fifty Six Rods, thence South Eighty five degrees East thirteen rods over land owned by John Garland thence the same course fourteen rods to a Stake in front of John S Swans House Thence South Seventy five degrees East Eight rods

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Thence South Eighty degrees East Sixteen rods, thence South Seventy Five degrees East Sixty Eight rods to a Stake in the Center of the road, South of where the old school house stood. Thence South Sixty seven degrees east fifteen rods over land owned by John S Swan, thence the same couse ten rods, Thence South Sixty degrees east twenty Seven rods Thence South Seventy four degrees east Sixty five rods, Thence South fifty five degrees east twelve rods, Thence South Sixty eight degrees east thirty eight rods over land owned of Timothy Bean, South Seventy one degrees east twenty four rods, Thence South Sixty five degrees east fourteen rods Thence South fifty one degrees east Sixteen rods, over land owned of B T Brown and Timothy Bean to a stake at the Side of the road near the house of Joshua Gossom the above discribed line is in the center of the road as now traveled from Joseph Holts to Joshua Gossom's the line described to be the Middle of the highway and the highway to be two

rods wide. And we award to the Said John Garland, Forty five Dollars John S Swan Forty five Dollars. Timothy Bean Sixty Dollars. Humphey Bean Four Dollars for their damages to be paid by Said town when the Said road is opened respectfully and we allow the Several owners respectfully one year to remove the fences Such laying out with the boundings and admemeasurments has been filed with the Town Clerk on the twenty third day of Feburary being Seven days before this meeting and we hereby report

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Such laying out with the bounders and admensurments of the same to Said town at the Meeting of the inhabitants regularly Warned and notified for them to except and alow the Same

Given under our hands this twenty third day of Feb 1864

Alphin Twitchell

B T Brown

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Selectmen

of

Bethel

26th Voted to except of the Selectmen report on partition of Samuel Bird and others

Report

The Subscribers Selectmen of Bethel upon the application of Samuel Bird and one other to lay out a town way in Said town, Begining at a large rock near the Bean of the late Isaac W Estes and ending at the County Road near Enoch Stiles, having given Seven days notice of

our intentions to lay out the same and Stated in Said notice the termini thereof by posting Said notice in two public places in Said town and the Viricity of the preposed road to Wit at C & O H Mason Store and at the Free Meeting House in the lower part of the town in Said town, on the twenty fourth day of October instant, and having meet at the time and place appointed for that prepose and having personlly examined the road preposed

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are of the opinion that there is occasion for a town way for the late Said Estes Farm as preposed We therefore lay out Said way as follows,

Beginng at a large rock near the Barn of the Said Estes running west fifteen (15) degrees north through land of the Said Estes to the Westerly line of Estes and Enoch Stiles Thence West erly thirthy Seven (37) degrees South thirty two rods (32) thence West four (4) degrees South five (5) ~~degrees~~ rods, thence West twenty eight degrees North forty eight rods to the a stake near the line fence between Mrs Moses Morgen and Enoch Stiles thence due West Sixty - six (66) rods through land of the said Stiles to the County road leading from Beans Corner to Locks Mills, the line discribed to be the Middle of the highway and the highway to be two rods Wide, Subject to Gates and Bans and we apprise the damadges of the Said Stiles twenty Dollars (20\$) to be paid by the town on or before the road is opened and we allow the Said Stiles three Months to take off the Wood Standing on said land which Such laying out with the boundarys and admenesurments have been filed with the town clerk on the twenty third (23) day of Feb 1864 being Seven days before this meeting and we now hereby report Such laying out with the bounderies and the admeasurments of the same to Said town at the

Meeting of the inhabitants regularly warned and notified for them to accept and allow the

Same.

Alphin Twitchell

Selectmen

Given under our hands

B T Brown

of

at Bethel this 23rd day of

G P Bean

Bethel

Feb 1864

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27th Voted not to tax Dogs

28th Voted to give John C Stearns his School Money in Dist No 4 for School Dist No 15

29th Voted to give Washington Crooker his School Money in Bethel to be expended in Dist
No 10 in Greenwood

30th Voted to adjourn

E M Carter Moderator

Recorded by

O H Mason

Town Clerk

Bethel May 2 1864

Personelly appeared Israel G Kimball and was duly Sworn as Constable in the town
of Bethel for the ensuing year before me

Attest O. H. Mason Town Clerk

Bethel Aug 15 1864

Personally appeared Mighill Mason and was duly Sworn as Constable in the town of Bethel the ensuing year

Before me

O H Mason

Town Clerk



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Town Meeting

To Mighill Mason a Constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford

Greeting

Whereas application has been made to us
Selectmen of Bethel by Six or more legal Voters of Said town to See What action the town
Will take to raise the Number of Men requested to fill the quota of Said town under and by
the virtue of the call of the President of the United States

In the name of the State of Maine by virtue you are requested to notify and Warn the inhabitants of the Said town of Bethel qualified to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in Bethel on Tuesday 23rd day of August A D 1864 at two O clock P M for the following purposes viz

- 1st To choes a Moderator to preside in Said meeting
- 2nd To See What action the town will take to raise the number of Men required to fill the quota of Said town under and by virtue of the last call of the President of the United States
- 3rd To See how much money Shall be raised by taxation or otherwise to aid in filling said quota
- 4th To transact any other business ~~brought propose when met~~ that may come legally before Said Meeting

Bethel Aug 16 1864

Alphin Twitchell

G P Bean

I G Kimball



Selectmen

of

Bethel

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Oxford ss

By virtue of the within Warrent to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the time and place and perpose within named by posting up two attested coppys of the within Warrent— one copy on the free meeting House at Beans Corner and one on the outside door of the First Conger-al Meeting House on Bethel Hill being two public places in Said town and being the same places the town Voted to have them put at least seven days before Said Meeting

Bethel Aug 23 A D 1864

Mighill Mason } Constable
of
Bethel

Fees

Services & Travel \$2.00

Bethel August 24 1864

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the inhabitants of Said Bethel legal Voters qualified to Vote in town affairs Met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly called to order by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows

- 1st Chose John Barker Moderator who being present was duly Sworn by the Clerk
- 2nd Voted to raise the men by enlistment
- 3rd Voted to chose a committee to raise the men required to fill the present quota
On motion voted I G Kimball G I Blake and Timothy Bean be that Committee

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To obtain the men

On motion Voted to raise one Thousand Dollars the same to be taxed on the ratetable Polls Personl and Real Estate in Said town in the year A D 1865

On motion Voted that the Town Treasurer be and is authorized to higher one Thousand Dollars on one year's time not to exced Six per cent interest and less if he can and the Same to be paid out by him to Said Committee for the enlisted Men at Such times and Such amount as he thinks best for Said perpose

Voted to ajourn

John Barker Moderator

Attest

O H Mason

Town Clerk

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Town Meeting September 12 1864

To Mighill Mason

Constable of Bethel you are hereby

requested in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as the constitution requires to assemble at the town house in Said Bethel on the twelfth day of September at nine oclock in the forenoon to give in their votes for Governor Senators Representatives to represent them in Said State Legislature and all County Officers that are required by the Constitution to be Voted for and also to give in their votes on one amendment of the constitution So as to allow Soldiers absent from the State to vote for Governor or Senators Representatives and County Officers according to a resolution passed by the last Legislature approved March 2nd 1864

The Selectmen will be in Session at the Town House in Bethel on the twelfth day of September inst. for the purpose of correcting the check list at eight oclock in the forenoon for ~~purpose of correcting the~~

Dated at Bethel Sept 2 1864

Alphin Twitchell

Selectmen

G P Bean

of

I G Kimball

Bethel

Oxford ss

By virtue of the within Warrent I have notified and warned the Inhabitants qualified by law to vote in town by posting up two attested

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copy of the within in two public and conspicuous places in Said town, one on the Free Meeting House near Beans Corner and one on the first Cong-el Meeting House on Bethel Hill being the Same places the town Voted to have them put

Mighill Mason

Constable

Fees Travel & Services

Of

\$2.00

Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrent and Officers return thereon

Attest

O H Mason

Town Clerk

Bethel Sept 12th 1864

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the Inhabitants of Said Bethel legally qualified to Vote in town affairs Met at the time and place therein appointed and the Meeting being duly opened by the Town Clerk they proceeded to give in their Votes for the Several Officers as follows

For Governor

Samuel Cony had Two hundred & Sixty - five

Joseph Howard “ One hundred & Ninety - two

For Senators

William W Virgin had Two Hundred & Sixty - five

Thomas Chase “ Two Hundred & Sixty - five

John M Deshon “ One Hundred & Ninety - two

Samuel F. Gibson “ One Hundred & Ninety - one

For Sheriff

Horatio Austen had Two Hundred & Sixty - four (264)

John J Holman “ One Hundred & Ninety - two

For Co Attorney

Millen W Bolster had Two Hundred & Sixty five

Che H Sanderson had One Hundred & Ninety two

For Reg of Probate

Oosih S Hobbs had Two Hundred & Sixty - five

Henry D Hutchins “ One Hundred & Ninety two

For County Treasurer

William W Pilgin had Two Hundred & Sixty - five

Grace W Marshall had One Hundred & Ninety two

For Representative of the Legislature

John Barker had Two Hundred & Sixty Six

Simion F Frost “ One Hundred & Ninety one

A True Record

Attest O H Mason Town Clerk

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To Mighill Mason Constable of the Town of Bethel

You are hereby requested in the Name of the State of Maine to Notify and Warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the Town House in Said town of Bethel on Tuesday the twenty eighth day of November next at ten oclock A M to give in their Votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the

United States

The Selectmen Will be in Session at the town House Saterday the Fifth day of Nov at one oclock P M and also at nine A M on the day of Election for the perpose of correcting the list of Voters

Dated at Bethel the Twenty fourth day of Oct A D 1864

Alphin Twitchell

G P Bean

I G Kimball

Selectmen of Bethel

Bethel Nov 8 1864

Oxford ss

By virtue of the within Warrent I notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote as the Constitution requires to assemble at the time and place and perposes Within named by posting two attested copy of the Within in two public and conspicutus places in Said town (to wit) one copy on the first Congresurlist Meeting House on Bethel Hill and one Copy on the Free Meeting House near Eli Swans being the Said places the town voted to have them put at least Seven days before Said meeting

Fees Travel & Services \$2.00 Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel

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Bethel Nov 8 1864

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the inhabitants of the Said Bethel legally qualified

to Vote in Town affairs Met at the time and place therein appointed and the Meeting being
duly opened by the Town Clerk they proceeded to give in their Votes as follows

For Electors

John B Brown Had Two hundred and Sixty Eight Votes

Abner Stetson Two hundred and Sixty Eight

Richard M Chapman Two hundred and Sixty Eight Votes

Thos A D Fessenden Two hundred & Sixty Eight Votes

Gomg Hathorn? Two hundred & Sixty Eight Votes

Benjm P Gilman Two hundred & Sixty Eight Votes

John N Swagey? Two hundred & Sixty Eight Votes

William P Haines had Two Hundred & Eight Votes

Adams Toeat? “ Two Hundred & Eight Votes

George A Hammond “ Two Hundred & Eight Votes

Thomas D Robertson “ Two Hundred & Eight Votes

Marcellas Stward “ Two Hundred & Eight Votes

Elisha I Hammond “ Two Hundred & Eight Votes

Bushrod W Hinahlg? “ Two Hundred & Eight Votes

A true Record

Attest O H. Mason

Town Clerk

Town Meeting Nov 30 1864

To Mighill Mason

A Constable of the Town of Bethel in the County
of Oxford

Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine You are hereby requested to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of the Said town of Bethel qualified to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in
Said town on the thirty day of November 1864 at two oclock in the afternoon then and there
to act on the following articles to wit

- First To chose a Moderator to govern Said Meeting
- Second To See what action the Said town will take to precure Men to or enlisted and
mustered in to the United States Service or Volenteers or Substutes the Same to
be allowed on the Subscequent quota or quotas of Said town
- Third To transact any other business that may legally come before Said meeting

Given under our hands and Seal ~~Bethel~~ Bethel this 21st day of November A D 1864

Alphin Twitchell

Selectmen

G P Bean

of

I G Kimball

Bethel

Oxford ss

By virtue of the within Warrent to me directed I have notified and warned the Inhab-

itants qualified

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by law to Vote in town affairs to assemble at the time and place and perpose
within mentioned according to law

Mighill Mason

Constable

Services & Travel \$2.00

of

Bethel

Bethel Nov 30 1864

Attest O H Mason Town Clerk

Bethel Nov 30 1864

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the Inhabitants of Said town of Bethel legal
Voters qualified to vote in town affairs Meet at the time and place therein appointed and the
following Meeting being duly opened by the town clerk proceded to the business as follows

First Chose Alphin Twitchell Moderator Who was duly Sworn by the Town Clerk

Second Voted to ajouine untill Saterday Dec 3rd at two oclock P M at the Same place
as appointed in Said Warrent

Alphin Twitchell Moderator

A true Copy

Attest O H Mason Town Clerk

Bethel December 3rd 1864

Meet at the same place and time as ajourned. Alphin Twitchell being absent the Meeting was called to order by O H Mason Town Clerk
Made choice of Gilman P Bean Moderator Pro tem who was duly Sworn by the Town clerk
On motion voted that an agent be chosen to procure enlisted Volentors or Substutes to fill the quota or quotas of Said town of Bethel Subject to the Call of the President of the United

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States for one year or two or three years as he can best trade for them Not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars each Man

On motion Made choice of Israel G Kimball agent for the Town for this purpose

On motion Voted the Treasurer of Said town be and is autherized to loan or higher Three Thousand Dollars on one year to be expended by the Agent for the above purpose as he in his judgement think best for the interest of the town in purcuring Said Men.

And the same be assessed on the taxable Polls, Real, and Personal Estate in Said town in the year A D 1865

On motion Voted the Agent pay all persons whose names are on the enrolment list whome he in his Judgement are not fit for Military duty, Traveling expenses to Lewiston and back Who get exempted by the Board of examing officers of the District and nine others, who appear before the board at Lewiston before the next draft

On motion Voted to ajourn

G. P. Bean } Moderator Pro tem

A true copy

Attest O H Mason

Town Clerk

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To Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel County of Oxford

Greeting

Whereas application has been Made to as Selectmen of the town of Bethel by ten Legal
Voters in Said town to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants of Said town to act upon the
following articles herein after Mentioned

In the Name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of the town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house
in Said town on Thursday the 15th day of Dec A D 1864 at 2 oclock in the afternoon for the
following purpose to wit

- | | |
|--------|---|
| First | To chose a Moderator |
| Second | To See if the town will Vote to raise Money to be expended in the percuring
of Volunteers and Substututes to go on the perpose of Suppressing the present
Rebellion |
| Third | To See how Much Money Should be raised for Said purpose and the amount
Thereof to be paid to each Man that Shall Volenteer or percured a Substute |

Fourth To chose an agent or committee to be authorized to precure Said Volunteers or Substutes and expended the Money to raise thereof

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Fifth To See if the town will authorize Selectmen to draw town orders for the amount to be paid each Volunteer or to each enroled man in Said town Who may procur a Substute and also to limit the time of the judgment of Said orders

Sixth To See what Manner the town will take to pay the Money So raised or the orders So to be dreive*

Seventh To transact any other business matter or thing pretaining to the above articles in Order that the true meaning of the same may be legally done at Said meeting

Given under our hands this the Eighth (8) day of Dec A D 1864

Alphin Twitchell

G P Bean

I G Kimball

Selectmen

of

Bethel

* Unable to make word out completely

Bethel Dec 15th 1864

Oxford ss

By virtue of the within Warrent to me directed I have notified and warned the Inhabit-
ants qualified by law to vote in town affairs by posting up two coppys of the within in two

public and conspicuous places one on the First Cong l Meeting House on Bethel Hill and one on the Free Meeting House near Beans Corner being the Same places the town voted to have them put at least Seven days before Said Meeting

A true Coppy

Mighill Mason

Attest O H Mason

Constable of Bethel

Town Clerk

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Bethel Dec 15th 1864

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the Inhabitants of the Said town of Bethel legal Voters qualified by law to vote in town affairs Meet at the time and place therein appointed and the Meeting was duly opened by the Town Clerk proceded to business as follows

First Chose John Barker Moderator who was duly Sworn by the Town Clerk

Second on motion Voted to raise Money as per Article second

Third That the town Raise Twelve Thousand dollars \$12,000 and pay to each Man That shall Volunteer or each enrolled Man that shall furnish a Substute Four Hundred Dollars 400\$ when mustered into the United States Service for three Years or during the Ware

Fourth on motion Voted I G Kimball and G A Hastings be a Committee or Agents as for Artical fourth in the Warrent

Fifth on motion Voted to pass over

Sixth on motion

Voted that the town Treasurer is and is hereby authorized to higher
Twelve Thousand, \$12,000 Dollars, Six Thousand Dollars on one year and
Six Thousand, on two years, with interest and the Same to be assessed on the
Taxable polls, Real, and Personall Estate in Said town in the years A D 1865
And 1866.

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the same to be expended by the Agents chosen in percuring Said enlisted
Men or Substutes as per artical third of Said Meeting and that Said Agents
receipts for Said Men & being Mustered into the United States Service shall
be the Treasurer Vocher for Said Money

Seventh On motion Voted to pass over and ajourn

John Barker ²/₂ Moderator

A true Coppy

Attest O H. Mason

Town Clerk



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Bethel Annual Town Meeting

March 6 1865

To Mighill Mason

Constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford Greeting: _____

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and Warn the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town house in Said town on the Sixth day March at ten Oclock in the forenoon to act upon the following articals to wit

- First 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting
- 2nd To “ Clerk for Said Town
- 3rd To “ Three or more Selectmen
- 4 To “ assessors
- 5 To “ overseers of Poor
- 6 To “ Superindant School Committee
- 7 To allow accounts
- 8 To Hear report of Selectmen & Overseer of Poor
- 9 To choose Treasurer.
- 10 To “ Town Agent
- 11 To “ Audertors and all other Town officers and Committees which are
Necessary for governing
- 12 To choose Road Commissners or highway Surveyors
- 13 To “ Field Drivers fence viewers and pound keepers

- 14 To choose Surveyors of Lumber Tythingmen Sealers of Leather Measurers of
Wood and Bark and Sextons
- 15 To Choose School Dist. Agents
- 16 To Raise Money to repair Highways
- 17 To “ ” to Suport Schools
- 18 To “ ” “ of the Poor
- 19 To “ ” to defry all other town Charges
- 20 To choose Collectors of Taxes & Constables
- 21 To To see what per cent the town will pay for collecting taxes

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- 22 To Raise Money to aid Volunteers familys
- 23 To To see what Meathod the town will take to build a Pound
- 24 To See if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire Money and reuse his notes
- 25 To See where the town will have their notices posted for warning town meetings
- 26 To See if the town will vote to give J C Stearns and A C Chapman their School Money
to be Expended in Dist No 4
- 27 To See if the town will except the Road laid by the Selectmen out on Petition of
R L Paine others__
- 28 To See if the Town will Except of the Road as laid out by the Selectmen on petition

of R A Chapman and others._____

The selectmen will be in Session at the town house in Bethel on Monday the Sixth day of March next at 9 o clock, in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the clerks list of voters_____

Given under our hands this twenty second day of Feby A D 1865

Alphin Twitchell	{	Selectmen
G P Bean		of
I G Kimball		Bethel

Oxford ss

By virtue of the within I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by Law to vote in town affairs by posting up two attest copys of the within one on the free meeting house near Bean's Corner and one on the first Cong. Meeting house on Bethel Hill being two public and conspicuous places in said town at least seven days before said meeting

Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel

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March 6 1865_____

fees

travel \$2.00

&

Service

Attest copy Recorded by

Charles Mason Town Clerk

March 6th 1865

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of Said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs meet at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows

1st Choose E M Carter Moderator who was duly Sworn in to office by the Town Clerk

2nd Choose Charles Mason Town Clerk who was Sworn in to office by the Moderator

3rd Choose Gilman P Bean } Selectmen
 " I G Kimball } for the ensuing
 " S R Hutchins } year who were
Sworn in to office by the Clerk

4th Choose Gilman P Bean } Assessors for
 I G Kimball } the ensuing year
 S R Hutchins } and were Sworn by Clerk

5th Voted to pass over the 5th & Art. 6 and took up Art. 9 and choose R A Chapman
Treasurer

6 Choose David Garland Supt. School Committee.

7 Voted to allow accounts which was as follows

Alphin Twitchell	\$79.35
Gilman Bean	56.00
David Garland	28.40

N T True	27.00
S R Hutchins	33.00
Mighill Mason	14.00
Doct O M Twitchell	15.42
Samuel Stowell	3.75 to go on Highway tax
Stephen Estes	2.84

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- 8 Voted to pass over Art 8th
- 10 Choose Elias M Carter Town Agent
- 11 Voted pass over Art 11 and take up Art 12
- 12 Choose the following for Highway Survrrers for the insuning year

David F Brown

Alanson Stiles

D M Goss

Baxter A Lyon

David F Bean

Abial Chandler

C L Russell

A P Blake

J I Lane

L P Holt

L H Bean

Stephen Estes Jr

Moses Swet

Amos A Young

E P Grover

Galen Blake

A C Oliver

L C Bean

Eliphez C Bean

Wm H Goddard

N W Etheridge

John Garland

Alonzo Howe

Thomas Peabody

Eli S Bartlett

Levi More

Beyers Bartlett

Ransom Cummings

Lewis A Sanborn

James S Bryant

Those marked # were Sworn by the Clerk

11 Choose John Barker

O H Mason

C M Carter

Audtors

13 Choose Gilman Chapman

Ephrim Bryant

Ezra G Russell

Charles R Lock

Timothy Ayers

Field Drivers

14 Choose S W Butterfield

John Philips

O H Mason

Rosey Riply

Pincky Burnham

sworn by clerk

Survrrers

Of

Lumber

D F Brown

Timothy H Chapman

Gilman Chapman

R A Chapman

G A Robertson

E B Goddard

Tythingmen

Joseph A Twitchell

Sealers of Leather

D F Brown

O H Mason

S W Butterfield Sworn by clerk Measurer of

G. A Robertson Sworn by clerk

R A Chapman Wood & Bark

John B Mason

Timothy H Chapman

Ephrim Bryant

D M Needham

Timothy Ayers

Benj Clark

Sextons

Eli Twitchell

J L Lain

Gilman I Smith

Amos A Young

A* Bryant

* can not make out first name

Voted that the Selectmen be Fence Viewers and Pound Keepers

- 15 Voted that Each School Dist choose their own Agents
- 16 Voted to raise three thousand Dollars \$3000 to repair Highways
- 17 Voted to Raise what the Law requires for the Suport of Schools
- 18 Voted to raise eight hundred Dollars \$800 for the Surport of the Poor
- 19 Voted to raise ten thousand five hundred \$10500 Dollars to defry town charges and cover the amount amt. of indebetness of the town that comes due the ensuing year

Voted that the Survrous Shall allow twenty cents an hour of or Labor on the Highways

- 21 Voted to pay one cent on a Dollar to the Collector for collecting taxes the insuing year
- Choose Mighill Mason Collector of taxes for the insuing year

Choose Mighill Mason

D F Brown

I G Kimball


Constables


- 22 ~~Voted to raise Fifteen hundred Dollars~~

Voted to authorize the Treasurer to hire fifteen hundred \$1500 Dollars if needed to aid Volenteers familys

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- 23 Voted to pass over the article 23 to build a Pound
- 24 Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money if needed to pay his Notes and

reuse them 

- 25 Voted that notices for town Meetings Shall be posted up at the Post Office Bethel Hill
and on the Free Meeting house near Bean's Corner 
- 26 Voted to give J C Stearns and A C Chapman their School Money to be expended in
School Dist No 4
- 27 Voted to except the Road as laid out by the Selectmen petition of R L Paine and others
- 28 Voted to except the road as laid out on petition of R A Chapman and others

E M Carter  Moderator

A G Record

Stiles

Charles Mason  Clerk

David Garland personally appeared took the oath according to Law as one of the Supt School
Committee before me

C Mason Town Clerk 

March 10 1865



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Mighill Mason appeared before me and took the oath as Constable and Collector this day July 3
1865 at ½ past Eight O clock in the forenoon

Attest Chas Mason  Town Clerk

Sept Meeting 1865

To Mighill Mason Constable of the town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified to vote for Representative to assemble at the town house in Said town on Monday the 11th day of Sept A D 1865 at ten O clock A M to give in their votes for Govner of State County Commissnerors, County Treasurer, two Senators, and a Representative to represent them in Legislature of this State for the ensuing year

The Selectmen will be in Session at the town house on Saturday the eight inst. at two O clock P M and also at nine O clock A M on the day of Election for the purpose of correcting the list of voters

Given under our hands at Bethel the first day of Sept A D 1865

G P Bean Selectmen

I G Kimball of

S R Hutchins Bethel

This is a true copie of the Warrant

Attest Chas Mason Town Clerk

Bethel Sept 9 1965


By vurtue of the within to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote for Representatives to assemble at the time place & for the purposes within named by posting up two copies of the within in two public & conspious places one on the free Meeting house near Beans Corner & one at the Post Office on Bethel Hill being the Same places the town voted to have them put

fees \$2.00 Mighill Mason Constable of Bethel

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1865 Sept Meeting

Bethel Sept 11th 1865

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of Said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town for Representatives On Monday Sept 11 A D 1865 at ten O clock A M and turn in their votes to Witt 

For Governor

Samuel Cony two hundred and Forty Eight (248

Joseph Howard one hundred and thirteen (113

For Senator

William Wirt Virgin two hundred and Forty Eight (248

Thomas Chase two hundred and Forty Eight (248

John M Deshon one hundred and Thirteen (113

John H Spring one hundred and thirteen (113)

For County Commissioners

Elias M Carter two hundred and Forty Six (246)

E M Hobbs one hundred and thirteen (113)

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For Co. Treasurer

William A Pidgin

Two hundred and Forty Eight (248)

Isaac W Marshall

One hundred and thirteen (113)

For Representative

Ruben B Foster Two hundred and Forty Eight (248)

Thomas S Littlehall One hundred and thirteen (113)

The above is a True record of the Votes count

Attest Charles Mason

Town Clerk



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State of Maine

Oxford. S.S.


Bethel

Annual Town Meeting

A D 1866

To Mighill Mason

a Constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday the fifth day of March A D 1866 at ten O clock A M to act on the following Articles to wit... 


- | | |
|-------------------------|---|
| First 1 st | To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting |
| Second 2 nd | To “ Town Clerk for the Ensuing year |
| Third 3 rd | To hear reports of Town Treasurer and Selectmen for the preceding year. |
| Fourth 4 th | To choose three or more Selectmen for the ensuing year |
| Fifth 5 th | To choose <u>three or more</u> Assessors for Ensuing year ____ |
| Sixth 6 th | To choose three or more Overseers of Poor for the Ensuing year ----- |
| Seventh 7 th | To Choose Town Treasurer for the Ensuing Year |
| Eighth 8 th | To Choose Superintending School Committee |
| Ninth 9 th | To Choose Town Agent for Ensuing year |
| Tenth 10 th | To “ Collector of Taxes for Ensuing year |

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- 11th To choose Road Commissinors or Highway Survyors
- 12th To choose Field Drivers Fence Viewers and pound keepers
- 13th To choose Survyers of Lumber Measurers of Wood and Bark Sealers of Leather Tythingmen and Sextons
- 14th To Choose Constables . . .
- 15th To choose Agents for School Districts
- 16th To choose Auditors of Town accounts
- 17th To choose all other necessary town Officers and Committees
- 18th To hear reports of Superintending School Committee. . .
- 19th To hear report of Town Auditors
- 20th To raise Money to repair Highways . . .
- 21st To raise Money for the Suport of Schools. .
- 22nd To raise Money for Support of Poor, to repair Roads and Bridges and to defrey other necessary Expenses of the town for the Ensuing year
- 23rd To raise Money to pay off the indebtteness of the town incurred by hiring Money to Bounties to Soldiers and to aid families of Volunteers
- 24th To See if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire Money and reuse his Notes
If necessary
- 25th To Se what percent the Town will pay for Collecting taxes the Ensuing year - - - -
- 26th To Se if the town will choose an Agent to open the Road leading from Joseph

Over

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- 26th Holts to Joshua Gossams by the way of John S Swans
- 27th To receive and allow Accounts _____
- 28th To See what couse the town will take to build a Pound _____
- 29th To See if the town will Vote to set off from School District No 15 all the Polls,
 Personal and Real Estate in Said District No 15 Easterly and Northerly of the fol-
 lowing described line Up Maine Street so called from James L Dillaway to Spring
 Street so called out Spring Street to land owned by Moses Mason's line Easterly
 Northerly and Easterly to land owned by R. A. Chapman thence Southerly on Said
 Chapman's line to land owned by Daniel L Hastings thence Easterly on Said Chapman's
 line to land owned by Levi Twitchell thence Southerly on said lot lines to Greenwood
 line thence commencing at the junction of High Street and Mechanic Street so called
 near Butterfield's Mill thence up High Street to Church Street so called, to the South line
 of land owned by Henry Stearns and others following Said line to the Mill Brook into a
 School District number 30 in Said Bethel 

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in Session for the purpose of revising and
 correcting the list of voters at the Town House at nine o clock A M on the day of Said
 Meeting --- - - -

Given under our hands at Bethel this the twenty third day of Feb A D 1866

Gilman P. Bean

I G Kimball

Selectmen

of

Continued

Oxford s.s.

By virtue of the within I have notified and waned the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the time and place and purposes within named by posting two Copies of the within one at the Post Office on Bethel Hill and one on the free Meeting house near Beans Corner being two public and conspicuous places in Said town at least Seven days before Said Meeting

Fees 2.00

Bethel March 5th 1866

Mighill Mason

Constable
of
Bethel

The above is a True Copy Attest

Charles Mason

Town

Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of Said Bethel legally qualified to Vote in

Town affairs met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceed to business as follows — --

- 1st Choose Elias M Carter Moderator who was Sworn in to office by the Town Clerk
- 2nd Choose Charles Mason Town Clerk who was duly Sworn in to office by the Moderator
- 3rd On motion Voted to Except the Report of the Selectmen as made by them.
- 4th Choose Elias M Carter first Selectman

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Choose Sullivan R Hutchins Second Selectman

David F Brown third Selectman and they were Sworn in to Office by the Clerk of the Town

- 5th Choose Elias M Carter
Sullivan R Hutchins
David F Brown
- Assessors

Who were duly Sworn into Office by Town Clerk

- 6th On motion Voted to pass over 6th
- 7th Choose Robt. A Chapman Town Treasurer
- 8th Choose N T True Sup School Committee

9th Choose S F Gibson Town Agent

10th Choose Cyrus Wormell Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year

11th On motion Voted to choose Highway Survors for the ensuing year

Choose the following persons as Highway Survors and those marked X were duly

Sworn by the Town Clerk

C S Edwards	David A Adams
J B Peasly	X Lenard Farwell
X James Lapham	X Humphy B Holt
X Dell. Grover	X Jerd Young
Abial Chandler Jr	X Richard Estes
X C L Russell	X S J Howard
X John Chase	John S Swan 2d
X A M Carter	X Moses S Kimball
X Orin B Swam	X Timothy H Chapman
X Kingsbury Curtis	X Chas R Locke
X Stephen Estes Jr.	X Benj Bartlett
Alfred Estes	X Ephrim Bryant
X Ira Cushman	X Chas T D Crockett
X W S Grover	X Josiah Brown 2d

X Francis Barker

Isaac Cross

X Denis A Adams

X Aaron Cross

X Daniel B Grover

12th On motion Voted Highway Survrus to be Drivers Fence Viewers and Pound Keepers
On motion Voted to pass over Art 13th and take up Art 29th

29th Voted to Set off from School Dist No 15 all the Polls Personal and Real Estate in Said district No 15 Easterly and Northerly of the following described lines up Maine Street So called from James L Dillaways to Spring Street so called, out Spring Street to land owned by Moses Mason, thence turning on Said Moses Mason line Easterly, Northerly and Easterly, to land owned by R A Chapman thence Southerly on said Chapman line to land owned by David S Hastings thence Easterly on Said Chapmans line to land owned by Levi Twitchell thence Southerly on Said lot lines to Greenwood line, thence commencing at the junction of High Street and Mechanice Street So called near Butterfields mill thence up High Street to Church Street So called to the South line of land owned by Henry Stearns and others following Said line to the Mill Brook, into a School District Number 30 in Said Bethel- - - - -

13th On motion took up Art 13 and choose A C Barker Pinckney Burnham and S W Butterfield Survuors of Lumber

Choose O H Mason D F Brown and A W Grover Survuors of Wood & Bark

O H Mason was duly Sworn by the Town Clerk

Choose Robbins Brown and Geo C Artherton Survuors of Leather

Choose Gilman Chapman and Mighill Mason Tithingmen

Choose Benj. N Clark Dudly N Needham Eli Twitchell Aaron P Beattie Timothy

Ayers Gilman Smith Moses A Mason Abraham Bryant Sextons

14th Choose C Wormell Mighill Mason and I G Kimball { Constables

15th Voted that School Districts choose their Agents

16th Choose O H Mason S F Gibson and John Barker Audtors of Accounts for the
Ensuing year

O H Mason was duly Sworn by Town Clerk

17th Voted to pass over Art 17th

18th Voted to pass over Art 18th Voted pass over Art 19th

20th Voted to raise three thousand \$3000 Dollars to repair Highways

21st Voted to raise Eighteen hundred and ninety three Dollars and twenty five cents
\$1,893.25 for the Support of Schools

22nd Voted to raise twenty five hundred Dollars 2500\$ for the Support of Poor repair Roads
and Bridges and pay all other necsary Expences of the town the Ensuing year

23rd Voted to raise Seven hundred and fifty Dollars 750\$ to pay interest on indebttness of
the town —

25th Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire Money or reuse his notes if nessenary

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25th Voted to pay one per cent on the dollar to Cyrus Wormell for all Sums Commetted to him for collection during the year 1866

26th Voted to choose an Agent to open the Road from Joseph Holts to Joshua Gossums by The Way of John S Swans and Joseph Holt was Chooosen as Agent to open Said Road

27 Voted to Except the Road of the Audtors

Voted to pay D F Browns bill of \$69.75

On motion Voted that A P Blake s and N B Annis' Bills be left in the hands of the Town Agent, and Selectmen to Settle with as they may think best

28th Voted to pass over Art 28th

E M Carter Moderator

The fore going is a True Record

Attest

Charles Mason Town Clerk

March 20th 1866

Mighill Mason was Sworn as Constable for the Ensuing year having been choosen at the

Annal Meeting March 5/66

Attest Chas. Mason Clerk

March 12th 1866 Cyrus Wormell appeared before me and took the Oath as Constable according to Law

Attest Charles Mason Clerk

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Personally appeared Cyrus Wormell and took the oath as Collector for the ensuing year having been elected last March annal town Meeting before me

Bethel Aug 21st 1866 Attest Chas. Mason

Town

Clerk

Town Meeting Sept 10 1866

To give Report of Swan Hill Road

To Cyrus Wormell a Constable of the town of Bethel in the County of Oxford Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in Said town on Monday the tenth day of Sept inst. at nine O clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to witt. . .

1st To choose a Moderator to preside in Said meeting.

2nd To See if the town will accept of a Road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of John S Swan 2d and others

Given under our hands this first day of Sept A D 1866

Elias M Carter	{	Selectmen
S R Hutchins		of
D F Brown		Bethel

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Bethel Sept 10 1866

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posing up a attested copies of this warrant one on the Congregational Meeting house on Bethel Hill one on the town house in Said town and another on the Meeting house near Beans Corner in said Bethel being three public conspicuous places in Said town on Saturday the first day of Sept A D 1866 being seven days before said meeting

Cyrus Wormell	{	Constable
		of
		Bethel

the above is a True Copy

as recorded by me

Attest Charles Mason

Town Clerk

Pursuant to the above the legal Voters met in open town Meeting at the time and place therein notified and made choose of S F Gibson Moderator of Said Meeting

2nd On motion of Gilman Chapman Voted to pass over the Article

A true record

Attest Chas. Mason Town Clerk

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Sept 10th 1866 Town Meeting

To Cyrus Wormell Constable of the tow Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the Town house in Said town on Monday the tenth day of September at ten O clock in the forenoon to give in their Votes for Governor, Senators, Representative to Congress, County Commissoners, County Treasurer, Clerk of the Courts, Sheriff, Judge of Probate and Representative to represent them in the Legislature of this State-----

The selectmen will be in session at the office of S F Gibson on the Eight day of Sept inst at one O clock in afternoon and at the town house on the day of Election at nine o clock in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the list of Voters

Dated at Bethel the first day of Sept A D 1866

Elias M Carter Selectmen

S R Hutchins of

Bethel Sept 10 1866

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have notified and Warned the Inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as therein Expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose therein Mentioned by posting up attested copies of this Warrant one on Congregational Meeting house on Bethel Hill one on the Town house in Said Town and another one the meeting house

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near Beans Corner in Said Bethel being three public and conspicuous place in Said town on Saturday the first day of Sept A D 1866 being seven days before sd meeting

Cyrus Wormell

Constable

of

Bethel

The above is a True Copy of the Warrant and return

Attest Chas Mason Town Clerk

Bethel Sept 10 1866

Pursuant to the above Warrant the Legal Voters of the town of Bethel Meet in open town meeting at the town house and the meeting Was opened by the Chairman of Selectmen and proceed to ballot and the following persons Received Ballots as follows Viz - - - - -

For Governor

Joshua L Chamberlain Three hundred & seven (307

Eben F Pillsbury Two hundred & one (201

For Member of Congress

Sidney Perham Three hundred & Seven (307

Nahum Morrill Two hundred & one (201

For Senators

Jonas Green Three hundred & Eight (308

John J Hamblin Three hundred & Eight (308

John H Spring Two hundred & three (203

Jesse Howe Two hundred & three 203

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For Commissioners

Christopher C Cushman Three hundred & Seven (307

Benjamin Lovejoy Two hundred & three 203

For County Treasurer

William A Piedegen Three hundred & Seven (307

Samson Andrews Two hundred & three (203

For Clerk of Courts

William K Kimball Three hundred & three (303

Alfred S Kimball Two hundred & three (203)

For Sheriff

Cyrus Wormell Three hundred & ten (310)

Edmund M Hobbs One hundred & eighty two 182

For Judge of Probate

Enoch W Woodbury Three hundred & Seven (307)

Isaac Randall Two hundred & four (204)

For Representative

Isaac I York Two hundred & Eighty nine (289)

James Brown Two hundred & three (203)

The above is a true Record

Attest

Chas Mason

Town

Clerk

Sept 10th 1866

Annual Town Meeting

March, 1967

To Cyrus Wormell, a Constable of Bethel, in the County of Oxford. Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town House in said town on Monday at two o'clock A.M. to act on the following articles, to wit:

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.
- 2nd To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3rd To hear the report of the selectmen and auditors for the past year and to allow accounts.
- 4th To see what couse the town will take on the abatement of taxes.
- 5th To choose three or more Selectmen for the ensuing year.
- 6th To choose three or more assessors for the ensuing year.
- 7th To choose three or more Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- 8th To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 9th To choose a Superentending School Committee.
- 10th To choose a Town Agent for the ensuing year.
- 11th To choose Collector or Collectors of taxes for the ensuing year.
- 12th To choose Road Commissioners, or Highway Surveyors.
- 13th To choose Constables.
- 14th To see what percent the town will pay for collecting taxes.
- 15th To choose auditors.

- 16th To choose School district Agents.
- 17th To choose all other town officers, and Committees, Field Drivers, Fence Viewers,
- (18) Pound Keepers, Surveyors of lumber, Measurers of Wood and Bark, Sealers of
Leathers, Tythingmen and Sextons
- 19th To see if the Town will purchase a farm for the Poor and raise money to pay for the
same.
- 20th To raise money to repair highways and see what discount the town will make to those
that will pay money for highway tax.
- 21st To raise money for the support of Schools.

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- 22nd To raise money for the support of the Poor, and Repair Roads and Bridges, and defray
all other necessary Expenses of the town for the ensuing year.
- 23rd To see if the town will set off S. F. Gibson and Hiram Young and their Real Estate and
personal property from District No 30, and annex the same to school district No 15.
- 24th To see if the town will concur in establishing a school District out of School District No.
23 in Bethel, and part of District No 7, in Greenwood.
- 25" To see if the town will give Washington Crooker his School money to expend in the
town of Greenwood.
- 26" To raise money to pay the indebtedness of the town.
- 27" To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money and renew his notes if
necessary.

- 28" To hear the report of the Superentending School Committee.
- 29" To see what course the town will take to repair the town house.
- 30th To see if the town will build a pound, and raise money to build the same.
- 31st To see if the town will vote to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on the Petition of Clement Seavy and others.
- 32nd To see if the town will vote to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Joseph Holt and others.
- 33rd To see if the town will vote to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Cyrus Wormell.
- 34th To see if the town will appeal from the decision of the County Commissioners on road from Hemlock Island through Middle Intervale to Bethel Hill.

The Selectmen give notice that they shall be in Session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at the Town House, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting

Given under our hands at said Bethel this twenty first day of February, A.D.

1867

Elias M. Carter

David F. Brown

}

Selectmen

of Bethel

Bethel, March 4th, 1867.

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said town, qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes therein announced, by posting up attested copies of the within warrant, one on the Town House, one on the Congregationalist Meeting House on Bethel Hill and one on the Meeting House near Bean's Corner, being three public and conspicuous places in said town, on the twenty second day of February, 1867, being seven days before said meeting.

Cyrus Wormell, Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant and the officers return thereon.

Attest

Enoch Foster Jr.

Town Clerk.

Bethel, March 4th, 1867

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the inhabitants of said Bethel, legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place there appointed, and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk, proceeded to business as follows: --

- 1st Chose Josiah Brown 2nd Moderator to govern said meeting who was duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 2nd Chose Enoch Foster Jr. Town Clerk who was duly sworn into office by the Moderator.
- 3rd On motion, it was voted to accept of the Report of the Selectmen as made by them, and to have printed reported if time expentures hereafter; auditors report accepted.
- 4th On motion, it was voted to leave the matter in reference to the abatement of taxes with The Se-

lectmen to act upon as they should deem fit and proper.

- 5th Chose as first of the Selectmen, David F. Brown.
Chose as second of the Selectmen, Samuel B. Twitchell.
Chose as third of the Selectmen, Chas T. D. Crockett.
Who were all duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.

- 6th Chose as Assessors David F. Brown, Samuel B. Twitchell and Charles T. D. Crockett who were duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 7th On motion, voted to pass over art. 7th.
- 8th Chose Robert A. Chapman Town Treasurer, who was duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 9th Chose Charles T. D. Crockett Sup. School Committee who was duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 10th Chose Enoch Foster Jr Town Agent who was duly sworn by the Moderator.
- 11th Chose Israel G. Kimball as Collector, who was duly sworn by the the Town Clerk.
- 12th On motion voted to chose Highway Surveyors for the ensuing year; and the following named person, were duly chosen and those X have been duly sworn by the Town Clerk.

Clark S. Edwards	Enoch Bartlett
Elijah G. Harden	Joseph Tattle
Baxter A. Lyn	X Layman W. Russell
Hiram Hodsdon	X John Barker
X Casper L. Capan	Galen Blake
Elij. Brown	X David P. Sanborn
Israel G. Kimball	Eli Swan
X Arthur D. Holt	Charles Brown
Christopher C. Bean	X Wm. H. Goddard
	Benj. Estes

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X Stephen Knight	X Samuel B. Twitchell
X Charles Bryant	Amos Sanborn
X Isaac B. Valentine	X David Hammon
X Lorenzo S. Smith	X Tyler P. Town
Benj. Bartlett	X David T. Foster
B. R. Bryant	
Hiram W. Fifield	
John F. Hapgood	
X Moses C. Foster	

- 13th Chose Israel G. Kimball and George W. Haskell Constables ____ On motion, after the

above named Kimball and Haskell were elected, the article was laid upon the table; it was afterwards taken up and on notion, the following named persons were chosen Constables by nomination, and all were duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk. Viz.---

{ Oliver H. Mason
Joniah Brown 2d
Charles R. Locke
Gilman L. Blake
Charles T. D. Crockett }

{ Augustus M. Carter
Gilman P. Bean
John S. Swan
Elias S. Bartlett }

- 14th On motion voted to pay Israel G. Kimball one and one half cents on the Dollar to collect and pay into the Treasury all taxes that may be assessed and committed to him for collection in the year A. D. 1867.
- 15th Chose David F. Brown, Samuel B. Twitchell and Charles T. D. Crockett Auditors
- 16th On motion voted that each School district chose own Agent
- 17th On motion, voted that the Highway Surveyors be field Drivers and fence viewers;
& chose Gilman Chapman Pound Keepers; — Pinkney Burnham and C. F.
18th Ordway surveyors of Lumber — :-- Moses C. Foster David F. Brown, Samuel D. Philbrook, Barker Holt

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Arthur Holt, surveyors of wood and bark:-- David F. Brown Sealer of Leather:--
Elijah C. Wheeler, Mighill Mason, Enoch W Foster Jr, Gilman Chapman,
Tithyingmen: —
Isaac B. Littlehale, A. P. Beatie, Benj. Clark, Timothy Ayer, Amos Young, Eli
Twitchell, Moses A. Mason, Gilman T. Smith and Abraham Bryant, Sextons

- 19th Voted that the Selectmen hire full sum to purchase a Town farm for the Poor, or not as they should deem proper and expedient and report at such time as they might choose.
- 20th Voted to raise Three Thousand dollars (\$3000) to repair highways: on motion voted that discount of 25 percent be voted and allowed to such person as will pay their highway tax in money
- 21st Voted to raise One Thousand Eight hundred and ninety three dollars and twenty five cents (\$1893.25) for the support of Schools.
- 22nd Voted to raise Twenty two hundred dollars (\$2200) for support of Poor, repair of ways

and bridges, and other necessary town charges

- 23rd Voted to set off the Real and personal Estate of S. F. Gibson and Hiram Young from School District No.30, and annex the same to District No. 15 in said Bethel.
- 24th Voted to concur in establishing a School District out of School District No. 23 in Bethel and part of district No. 7 in Greenwood.
- 25th Voted to give Washington Crooker his School money to expend in Greenwood
- 26th Voted to raise Nine hundred dollars (\$900.) towards paying the indebtedness of the town.
- 27th Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to hire money

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and renew his notes if he chooses to do so.

- 28th Voted to pass over article 28.
- 29th Voted to pass over article 29.
- 30th Voted to raise Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) to build a Pound; and the matter was left in the hands of the Selectmen to select the situation and build at any time after the frost leaves the ground
- 31st Voted to pass over article 31.
- 32nd Voted to accept of the Road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Joseph Holt and others
- 33rd Voted to pass over article 33.
- 34th Voted to appeal from the decision of the County Commissioners on road from Hemlock Island through Middle Intervale to Bethel Hill.

On motion, voted to adjourn.

Isiah Brown 2nd, Moderator

A true record

Attest

Enoch Foster



Town Clerk

A Road Report
Accepted under article 32
Town Meeting of 1867

The subscribers, Selectmen of Bethel, upon the application of Joseph Holt, et al to lay out a Town way in said town, beginning at the foot of the hill in the town way leading to Joseph Holt's near the corner of land owned by John Williamson, and ending the

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Said town way above the hill, near where the School house used to stand in District No. 10 in said town, having given seven days notice of our intentions, to lay out the same, and stated in said notice the termini thereof by posting said notice in two public place in said town, and in the vicinity of the propose road, to wit: at the School House in district No. 11 and at the Bethel Post Office in said town on the twenty ninth day of Jan.y A. D. 1867, and having met at the time and place appointed for such purpose, and having examined the road purposed, we lay out said way as follows, beginning at the Southeast corner of land owned by John Williamson in town, thence S 4 ½ ° E. forty rods thought land of Lawson Carter to a stake: thence S. 36 ° E. though land of Joseph Holt, to a finish at the side of the turn away; the lane described to be the width of the highway, and the highway to be two rods wide, and we award to said Lawson Carter \$85.00 for his damages to be paid by said town; and we allow the several owners respectively six months to take off the wood standing or growing on said land and to remove the fences. Such laying out with the boundaries and admeasurements had been filed with the Town Clerk on the twenty third day of February, being seven days before this meeting; and we was hereby report each laying out and with the boundaries and admeasurements of the same, to said town, at the meeting of the inhabitants regularly warned and notified for them to accept and allow the same.

Given under our hands this twenty second day of February A. D. 1867.

Elias M. Carter	}	Selectmen
S. R. Hutchins		of
David F. Brown		Bethel

A true copy of the original.

Attest

Enoch Foster Jr

Town Clerk

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May 14, 1867 Here personally appeared Samuel W. Butterfield who, having been appointed Surveyor of Wood and Lumber for the town of Bethel for the present year, made oath that he would perform the duties of that office according to law.

Before me Enoch Foster Jr

Town Clerk

To I. G. Kimball a constable of the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford.

Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote for the choice of State officials, to assemble at the town house in said town on the first Monday in June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven at ten o'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes in relation to an act approved March first in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty seven, entitled an act additional to and annadatoryh (I could not decipher this word from the film or the book) of Chapter thirty three of the Laws of Eighteen hundred and fifty eight, for the suppression of drinking houses and tipping shops: those in favor of the act entitled an act additional to and annadotory (I could not decipher this word from the film or the book) of Chapter thirty three of the laws of eighteen hundred and fifty eight, for the suppression of drinking houses and tipping shops, should give in their ballots with the word "yes" written or printed thereon, those opposed write the word "No" written or printed thereon.

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The Selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at the town House at nine o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said Meeting.

Given under our hands at Bethel, this twentieth day of May AD 1867

D. F. Brown	}	Selectmen
S. B. Twitchell		Of
C. T. D. Crockett		Bethel

Bethel, June 3rd 1867

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Town of Bethel, qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting up two attested copies of such warrant, one on the meeting house near Bean's Corner, and one in the Post Office Bethel Hill, being public and conspicuous places in said Town on the 25th day of May, being seven days before said Meeting.

I. G. Kimball, Constable of Bethel

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the original warrant and the constable's return thereon

Attest

Enoch Foster Jr Town Clerk of Bethel

Bethel June 3rd 1867

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of said Bethel, legally qualified assembled in the foregoing warrant, met at the time and place therein appointed, and the meeting having been duly opened by the town clerk, the following ballots were collected in open town Meeting by the Chairman of the board of selectmen, viz.

Whole no. of ballots 38

No. with word Yes thereon 34

No. with word No thereon 4

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The foregoing is a true word of the ballot count.

Attest Enoch Foster Jr.

Town Clerk

September Meeting 1867

To Israel G. Kimball a Constable of the Town of Bethel

Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town on the 9th day of September A. D. 1867 at 9 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit;

Art. 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Art 2nd To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen, on petition of Clement S. Heath and others, in said town of Bethel

Given under our hands this 24th day of August, A.D. 1867

D. F. Brown	}	Selectmen
S. B. Twitchell		of
C. T. D. Crockett		Bethel

Bethel, Sept 9, 1867

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time and place, and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting up two attested copies of such warrant, one on the Meeting House near Bean's Corner, and one at the Post Office on Bethel Hill, being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the thirty first day of August A. D. 1867, being seven days before said Meeting.

Israel G. Kimball

Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant and the officer's return thereon.

Attest

Enoch Foster Jr.

Town Clerk

Bethel, Sept 9, 1867

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, legally qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Constable, proceeded to business as follows, to wit:

1st Chose Alphine Twitchell Moderator to preside at Said meeting, who was duly sworn by Enoch Foster Jr. a Justice of the Peace

2nd Voted to accept the road as laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Clement S. Heath and others in said Town —

Notice

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Selectmen of the town of Bethel, upon the application of Clement F. Heath and others, to lay out a town way in said Town, for the use of Said town Beginning at the county Road leading pass Bethel hill to the Depot between the Dwelling houses of Charles Mason and George W. Haskell, thence running in an easterly direction to land owned and occupied by Clement D. Heath, and thence ending at or near the Southwest corner of the said Heath's house in said town, and thence they will meet for said purposes on the 24th day of August instance at one of the clock P. M. and all persons interested therein will govern themselves accordingly.

Given under our hands this 16th day of August, A. D. 1867

D. F. Brown	}	Selectmen
S. B. Twitchell		of
C. T. D. Crockett		Bethel

I hereby certify that the foregoing notice was filed in the town Clerks Office in said town of Bethel on the 24th day of August A. D. 1867

Attest:

Enoch Foster Jr.

Town Clerk

Report

The subscribers Selectmen of Bethel upon the application of Clement S. Heath et al, to lay out a town way in Said town, beginning at the County Road leading from Bethel Hill to the Depot,

between the Dwelling Houses of Charles Mason and George W. Haskell, and ending on or near the south west Corner of the said Clement S. Heath's land in said town, having given seven days notice of our intentions to lay out the same, and stated in said notice the termini thereof by posting said notice in two public places in said town, and in the vicinity of the proposed road, to wit: at the Post Office and at the Store of C & O. H. Mason, in said town, on the sixteenth day of August A. D. 1867: and having met at the time and place appointed for that purpose, and having personally examined the road proposed, and of the opening that then is occasion for a new town way for the use of said town as proposed; we therefore lay out said way as follows: Beginning at a point as said County Road, leading as also said, said point being fifteen links (15) Southerly from the west corner of land owned by George W. Haskell, on land owned by Charles Mason, thence running south, seventy degrees and thirty minutes East, nineteen (19) rods and sixteen (16) links thought land of Ayers Mason and Lathrop E. Combs to land of Clement S. Heath, the line discerned to be the middle of the Highway, and the highway to be two (2) rods wide; and we award to the owners of the land on which the road passes for their damages, as follows: to wit: to the said George W. Haskell and Lathrop E. Combs, nothing for their damages; and to the said

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Charles Mason the sum of one hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and to the said Ayers Mason the sum of five Dollars (\$5.00) to be paid by the said town of Bethel: and we allow the several owners respectively six months to take off the wood standing or growing on said land, and to remove the fences.

Such laying out with the boundaries and admeasurements, has been filed with the town Clerk on the twentieth ninth day August, A. D. 1867, being seven days before this meeting and we now hereby report such laying out, with the boundaries and admeasurements of the same to said town, at the meeting of the inhabitants and allow the same.

Given under our hands this twenty ninth day of August, A. D. 1867.

D. F. Brown
S. B. Twitchell
C. T. D. Crockett

Selectmen
of
Bethel

A true copy of the original notice and report

Attest

Enoch Foster Jr.

Town Clerk

3rd Voted to adjourn

Alphin Twitchell

Moderator

A true record

Attest:

Enoch Foster Jr.

Town Clerk

Annual September Meeting, 1867

To Israel G. Kimball,

A Constable of the Town of Bethel,

Greeting:

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Bethel, qualified as the Constitution requires, to assemble at the Town House in said Bethel, on the second Monday of September (the ninth day) A.D. 1867 at ten o'clock A.M. to give in their votes for Governor, Senators, and representatives to represent them in the Legislature of the State, also to give in their votes for Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, and all other County Officers at this election.

The Selectmen will be in session at the Town House at 9 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Dated at Bethel the 24th day of August A. D. 1867.

D. F. Brown

S. B. Twitchell

C. T. D. Crockett

Selectmen
of
Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting up two copies of such warrant, one on the Meeting House near Bean's Corner and one at the Post Office on Bethel Hill being public and conspicuous places in said town, on the thirty first day of August, A. D. 1867, being seven days before said Meeting.

Israel G. Kimball

Bethel, Sept 9, A. D. 1867 — Constable of Bethel

I certify the foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant and the Officer's return thereon.

Attest Enoch Foster Jr. Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the Inhabitants of said Town of Bethel, legally qualified to vote for State and County Officers and Representatives to the Legislature, met at the time and place thereon appointed, and the meeting being duly opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen, they proceeded to give in their votes for the several officers, as follows: to wit:---

For Governor

Samuel Chamberlain had two hundred and twenty nine (229)
Eben F. Philsbury had one hundred and twenty four (124)

For Senators

Jonas Greene had two hundred and twenty nine- (229)
John G. Humblee had two hundred and twenty nine- (229)

Cornelius M. Holland had one hundred and twenty four - - (124)
Jesse Howe had one hundred and twenty four - - (124)

For County Commissioners

Noah B Hubbard had two hundred and twenty nine (229)
Seth T. Holbrook had one hundred and twenty four (124)

For County Treasurer

Horatio Austin had two hundred and twenty nine - - (229)
Samson Andrews had one hundred and twenty four - - (124)

For County Attorney

Enoch Foster Jr had two hundred and fifty one -- (251)
Charles W. Howard had one hundred and four - - (104)

For Judge of Probate

Augustus H. Walker had two hundred and twenty nine (229)

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Richard A. Frye had one hundred and twenty one (221)

For Register of Deeds

Summer R. Newell had two hundred and twenty nine (229)
Deroma Bates had one hundred and twenty three --- (123)

For Representative to Legislature

Otis H. Abbott had two hundred and thirty (230)
Oscar D. Grover had one hundred and twenty three (123)

A true record,

Attest:

Enoch Foster Jr.

Town Clerk

Bridge Meeting, Dec. 15th, 1867

State of Maine

To Israel G. Kimball, a Constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford and State of Maine

Greeting:

Whereas application has been made to us, the Selectmen of the town of Bethel in said County and State, by fourteen legal voters in Said Town of Bethel, to call a meeting of the inhabitants of said Bethel to act upon the articles here after mentioned,-----

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn all persons qualified by law to vote at such meetings to assembly at the Town House in said town of Bethel, on Wednesday the eighteenth day of December A. D. 1867, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit;

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
- 2nd To see if the Town will vote to build a Bridge across the Androscoggin River in Bethel, at or near Barker's Ferry so called, in Bethel, during the year A. D. 1868, and have it made for travel by the first day of January A. D. 1869.
- 3rd To see if the Town will raise money to build a Bridge as mentioned in article second, and what account and what length of time, and in what amount whether by loan or taxation.
- 4th To see if the Town will choose a committee, and authorize said committee to present a Petition to the legislature of the State, to authorize Said Town to collect such rates of toll over and above said Bridge maintenance in Article second as the Legislature may adopt therefor
- 5th To See if the Town will choose a Building Committee to oversee the erection and building of a Bridge as mentioned in Article second.

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- 6th To See what instruction the town will give said Building Committee about the building of said Bridge.
 - 7th To transact any other business that may legally come before said Meeting.
- Given under our hands at said Bethel, this tenth day of December A. D.
1867

D. F. Brown } Selectmen
S. B. Twitchell } of

) Bethel

Bethel, December 18th, 1867

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned, by posting up two attested copies of said warrant, one at the meeting House near Bean's Corner, and one at the Post Office on Bethel Hill, they being two public and conspicuous places in said town and the places where the town last voted to have their warrants posted, on the tenth day of December, 1867, being seven days before said Meeting.

Israel G. Kimball,

Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant and the Officer's return thereon.

Attest;

Enoch Foster Jr.

Town Clerk

Bethel, December 18, 1867

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants legally qualified to vote for town officers met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk, proceeded to business as follows-----

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1st Chose Elias M. Carter Moderator who was duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.

2nd On motion voted, that the town build a Bridge of two tracks of sufficient width for teams and carriages, and across the Androscoggin River at or near Barker's Ferry, so called, in Bethel; said Bridge to be supported upon suitable and substantial abutments and pier and to be completed and way for travel on or before the first day of January A. D. 1869

3rd On motion, voted That the town raise Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) and appropriate Said amount of Money, or so much of said amount as is necessary to the building of the abutments and piers and superstructure for a Bridge over and across the Androscoggin River at or near Barker's Ferry in Bethel, and that said Money be raised by a loan payable in fifteen years from the first day of April A. D. 1868 in the following manner, viz:-- ---
The Treasurer of the Town is hereby authorized and allowed to use the Bonds of the town, payable in fifteen years from the first day of April A. D. 1868, signed by the Selectmen and authorized by the Treasurer of the several denominations following, viz-----
of one hundred Dollars, of Two hundred Dollars, and of Ten hundred Dollars, and interest coupons attached to each of said Bonds, having the rate of Six per cent interest, payable semi annually, said Bonds to be made payable to the person to whom they issue or bearer at either the Treasurer's Office of Bethel, or at any Bank in Portland, Maine; the Treasurer shall number said Bonds, and register them in a book by him kept for that purpose

4th

On motion voted, that Robert A. Chapman, Richard A. Frye and Charles R. Locke are choosen a committee to draft and present a petition to the next

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Legislature of this State in behalf of the town, requesting said Legislature to grant and establish reasonable rates of toll to be collected by the town with such limitations as are herein after mentioned, of passengers, teams and droves as may pass over and upon the bridge that shall be built by the town over and across the Androscoggin river at or near Barker's Ferry in Bethel, during the year A. D. 1868, such grant or right as may be established not to extend beyond the term of twenty years from the first day of January A. D. 1869---

All persons going to or returning from any place of public worship on Sunday Shall pass said Bridge free of toll.

All electors resident of Bethel going to or returning from any town meeting, or election of United States, State, or County Officers, shall pass said Bridge free of toll.

The Selectmen of the town shall have authority to commute tolls by agreement with any person or persons, taking thereof a special specie for a given time. Said Robert A. Chapman to have the privilege of delegating any person to go to said Legislature in his behalf, should he so ask.

3rd

On motion voted, that Eli Clough, Pinkney Burnham, and Samuel B. Twitchell are hereby choosen as Committee to oversee and charge of the building of the Abutments, and pier and Superstructure for a Bridge to be built by the Town over and across the Androscoggin River at or near Barker's Ferry in Bethel during the year A. D. 1868; said Committee is hereby authorize to make all contracts for labor or materials necessary to build and complete said Bridge in accordance with the vote of the town on the second article, and such instructions as may be hereafter given to them by the town; Said committees are hereby authorize to draw Orders upon the

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Treasurer of the town for all money necessary to build said Bridge as aforesaid, and the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay such orders as may be drawn by said Committee for the purpose afore said.

6th

On motion, voted to pass over article 6th.

On motion voted, to Adjourn.

A true Record

Attest:

Enoch Foster Jr.

Annual Town Meeting
March 1868

To I G Kimball Constable of Bethel in the County of Oxford.

Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the town House in said town on Monday, the Second day of March A. D. 1868 at ten o'clock A.D. to act on the following articles, to wit.

viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting.
- 2nd To Choose a Town Clerk for the Ensuing year.
- 3rd To hear the Report of the Selectmen and Auditors for the past year and to allow accounts.
- 4 To See what course the town will take on the abatement of the Tax of D G Kendall and others
- 5 To See if the town will pay David Edwards Town Bounty
- 6 To Choose three or more Selectmen for the Ensuing year.
- 7 To choose three or more Auditors for the Ensuing year.
- 8 To Choose three or more Overseers of the Poor for the Ensuing year.
- 9 To Choose a Town Treasurer for the Ensuing year.
- 10 To choose a Superintending school committee
- 11 To Choose a Town Agent for the Ensuing year
- 12 To Choose a Collector or Collectors of Taxes for the Ensuing year.
- 13 To Choose a Constable or Constables for the Ensuing year.
- 14 To Choose Auditors for the Ensuing year.
- 15 To Choose Road Commissioners or Highway Surveyors for the Ensuing year.
- 16 To See what Discount the town will allow those who pay Money for their Highway Tax.
- 17 To see what percent the town will pay for collecting taxes for the Ensuing year.
- 18 To Choose School District Agents for the Ensuing year.
- 19 To Choose all other Town Officers & committees for the ensuing year.

- 20 To Choose Fence Viewers & Pound Keepers for the Ensuing year.
- 21 To Choose Field drivers & Tithingmen for the Ensuing year
- 22 To Choose Measurers of Wood & Bark & Lumber and Sealers of Leather for the Ensuing

- year.
- 23 To Choose Sextants for the Ensuing year.
 - 24 To raise money for the Support of Schools for the Ensuing year.
 - 25 To raise money for the Support of the poor and to repair roads & bridges and defray all necessary Expenses of the town for the Ensuing year.
 - 26 To raise money for the repair of Highways for the Ensuing year.
 - 27 To see if the town will authorise the Treasurer to hire money and renew his Notes if necessary.
 - 28 To hear the report of the Sup. School Committee for the Ensuing.
 - 29 To See what course the town will take to repair or build Town House and to raise money for the same.
 - 30 To See what discount if any the town will allow those who pay their tax on or before the 1st day of Nov. 1868.
 - 31 To See if the town will instruct their agent to withdraw the appeal on the road laid out on petition of D G Kendall and others.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the list of voters at the Town House at 9 o clock in the forenoon on the day of Said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bethel this the twentieth day of February A. D. 1868.

D. F. Brown	}	Selectmen of Bethel
S. B. Twitchell		
C. T. D. Crockett		

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Bethel March 2d 1868.

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified as therein explained to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting up two attested copies of said warrent one on the

meeting house near Beans Corner, and one in the Post office on Bethel Hill. They being the places were the town last voted to have their warrents posted, on the twenty second day of February A. D. 1868, being seven days before said meeting.

I G Kimball	}	Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrent and the officers return thereon.

Attest

L T Barker
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrent, the inhabitants of said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows:

- 1st Choose Elias M Carter Moderator to govern said meeting who was duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 2nd Choose L. T. Barker Town Clerk who was duly sworn into office by the Moderator.
- 3d On Motion at was voted to accept of the Report of the Selectmen as made by them.
On Motion it was voted to choose a Committee to go and Examine the Town Farm and Personal Property and make a report of the Said Property to the Town at a Town meeting to be called two or three weeks from date

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to hear said Committee Report and to raise money to pay for said property.

On motion voted said committee be appointed by the chair; who proceeded to appointed David Hammons, John Barker and Robert A Chapman. Said committee

On motion it was voted to allow Francis Barkers account for damage traveling over his land in the fall of 1867.

- 4 On motion it was voted to abate D G Kendall tax and to leave in the reference to the abatement of all other tax with the Selectmen to act upon as they should deem fit and proper.
- 5 On motion it was voted to pay David Edwards one Hundred Dollars town Bounty.
- 6 Chose as first of the Selectmen Samuel R Twitchell
Chose as Second of the Selectmen C T D Crockett
Chose as third of the Selectmen Elbridge G Wheeler
who were all duly Sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 7 Chose as Assessors Samuel R Twitchell, C T D Crockett, and Elbridge G Wheeler who were all duly Sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 8 On motion Voted to pass over article 8th
- 9 Chose Robert A Chapman Town Treasurer, who was duly Sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 10 Chose David Garland Sup. School Committee.
- 11 Chose Elias M Carter Town Agent.

- 12 Chose Israel G Kimball Collector who was duly sworn into Office by the Town Clerk.
- 13 Chose as Constables Israel G Kimball, Gilman L Blake, John S Swan Mighill Mason & Gilman Chapman, who were duly Sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
On motion voted that all other officers be choosen by hand ballot

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- 14 Chose Pinkney Burnham, Gilman Chapman and Samuel D Philbrook Auditors
Samuel D. Philbrook Gilman Chapman were duly Sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 15 Chose John M. Philbrook, J D Hastings, A M Carter John Barker & Josah Brown 2d Road Commissioners.
- 16 On motion it was voted to make fifty cents discount on a dollar on all Highway Taxes provided two thirds of the tax be paid by the first of June and one third by the first of October in Money.
- 17 On motion it was voted that the Town of Bethel pay Israel G Kimball one and one half cents on the dollar for collecting all Taxes that may be assessed in Said Town during the Ensuing year.
- 18 Voted that School Districts choose their own School Agents.
- 19 On motion it was voted to pass article 19.
- 20 Chose Gilman Chapman, Gilman D Bean O H Mason and O. C. Littlehale Fence Viewers John S. Swan Pound Keeper, Gilman Chapman & John S. Swan were duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 21 Chose Gilman Chapman, G. D. Bean, O. H. Mason and O. C. Littlehale, Field Drivers, and Gilman Chapman John S Swan Samuel D Philbrook Hazen Osgood, Benjamin M Clark, Tithingmen. Gilman Chapman John S Swan Hazen Osgood were duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 22 Chose David F Brown, Barker Holt Samuel W. Butterfield & E B Goddard, Albert Grover Surveyors of Wood & Bark, Samuel W. Butterfield Pinkney Burnham L W Russell, Caleb S Ordway Surveyors of Lumber David F Brown Sealer of Leather

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- 23 Chose A P Beattie, Benjamin M Clark, Eli Twitchell Moses A Mason, Timothy Ayers, R H Sanborn Amos A Young Gilman P Smith and Issac Littlehale Sextons.

- 24 On motion voted to raise the amount of money for the Support of Schools required by law.
- 25 On motion it was voted to raise Five Thousand Five hundred Dollars \$5000.00 for the Support of the Poor and to repair Roads & Bridges and to defray all other necessary expenses of the Town and also to pay its indebtedness.
- 26 Voted to raise Three Thousand Dollars \$3,000.00 to repair Highways.
- 27 On motion voted to authorise the Town Treasurer to hire money, or renew his Notes, if he chooses. So to do.
- 28 Voted to pass over article 28th
- 29 Voted to pass over article 29th
- 30 On motion it was voted to make 5 cents discount on the dollar to all persons who pay their Money tax on or before the first day of November 1868.
- 31 On motion it was voted to instruct the Town Agent to withdraw the appeal on the Road laid out on Petition of G D Kendall and others.

On motion voted to adjourn with out date,

Elias M Carter Moderator

A true record

Attest,

L T Barker

Town Clerk

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March 5th 1868

There personally appeared having been duly elected for the present year David F Brown E B Goddard surveyors of Wood and Bark. David F Brown as Sealer of Leather. A M Carter as Road Commissioner. Samuel D Philbrook as Auditor & Tithingman, Gilman P Bean as Fence viewer & Field driver, and Made Oath that they would perform the duties of the office to which they were Elected according to law.

March 6 1868

There personally appeared Mighall Mason having been duly Elected Constable for the present year, and made oath to perform the duty of the office according to law

March 10 1868

There personally appeared Albert W Green having been Elected surveyor of Wood and Bark and made Oath he would perform the duty of the office according to law.

March 13 1868

There personally appeared Samuel W Butterfield having been duly Elected Surveyor of Wood & Bark and Lumber and made Oath that he would perform the duty of Each office according to law

March 14 1868

There personally appeared John Barker and Josiah Brown 2d having been duly Elected Commissioners and Each made Oath that he would perform the duty of the office according to law.

Attest — L T Barker

Town Clerk

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Town Meeting

March 14th 1868

To I G Kimball a Constable of the town of Bethel in the County of Oxford

Greeting-----

In name of the State of

Maine: You are hereby requested to Notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by law, to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Town House in said town on Saturday the fourteenth day of March, A. D. 1868 at ten o'clock A. M. To act on the following Articles to wit -----

Viz. -----

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting.
- 2nd To hear the Report of Committee choosen to examine the property purchased of C C Bryant and J W Kimball by the Selectmen in the fall of 1867.
- 3rd To See if the town will ratify the purchase of the property made by Selectmen in the fall of 1867 of C C Bryant & J W Kimball.
- 4 To See if the town will raise money to pay for said property or the notes thereof.
- 5 To See what course the town will take to raise money to pay for said property, or to pay said notes.
- 6 To See if the town will vote to convey said property to the selectmen who made the purchase of said property, in case the town should not ratify said purchase.
- 7 To See if the town will pay Wm C Frye - John S. Wormell - Robbins B Grover, a bounty of one hundred dollars each. --

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Given under our hands at Bethel this Sixth day of March A. D. 1868.

S. B. Twitchell

C. T. D. Crockett

Selectmen
of Bethel

Bethel March 14d 1868

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified the inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up two attested copies of said warrant one on the meeting house near Beans Corner, and one in the Post Office on Bethel Hill being the places where the town last voted to have their warrants posted, on the 6th day of March A. D. 1868 being seven days before said Meeting

I G Kimball } Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true Copy of the original warrant and the officers return thereon.

A true record.

Attest:

L. T. Barker

Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said town of Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place therein appointed, and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows;

1st Chose John Barker Moderator to govern said meeting, who was Sworn into office, duly, by David F. Brown, a Justice of the Peace.

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2d On motion it was voted to accept the report of the Committee chosen at the Annual Meeting to examine the Farm & Personal Property purchased of C. C. Bryant & J. W. Kimball who recommend the town to ratify said purchase.

3d On motion voted to ratify the purchase of the property made by the Selectmen in the fall of 1867 of C C Bryant & J W Kimball.

4d Voted to raise Three Thousand Eight hundred Dollars (\$3,800.00) to pay for Said Town

Farm and personal property.

5d On motion voted to authorise the Town Treasurer to renew the notes given for the Town Farm and Personal Property or give new notes if necessary. Voted to assess twenty five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) on the Sales & Estates this year. (1868)

6th Voted to pass over article 6th

7 On motion voted to indefinitely postpone action of article 7th.

On motion voted to adjourn without date.

John Parker Moderator

A true record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk

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There personally appeared, John M Philbrook and Barker Holt and made oath having been duly Elected Road Commissioner & Surveyors of Wood and Bark that they would perform the duties of Each office to which they were Elected according to law.

March 16th 1868

Town Meeting

April 11th 1868

To I G Kimball a Constable of the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford.

Greeting.

In the name

of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to Notify and Warn the inhabitants of the said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town House in Said town, on Saturday the Eleventh day April A. D. 1868 at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.

Viz:

1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

2d To see if the town will vote to rescind or repeal, the vote whereby the town voted to assess the Sum of twenty-five hundred dollars the present year to pay for the town Farm and the personal property purchased therewith

- 3d To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire Money on a term of years not exceeding ten years, to pay for the town farm and the personal property purchased there-with -----
- 4th To See if the town will Vote to pay William C Frye one hundred dollars, to make the sum paid the said Frye Equal to the Bounty of David A Edwards and others, who enlisted at or about the same time for said Bethel ----

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continued.

- 5th To See if the town will voted to build a New Town House at or near Bethel Hill.
- 6th To see if the town will vote to raise money to build a new Town House. ----
- 7th To transact any other business legally before said meeting.

Given under our hand at Bethel this first day of April A. D. 1868

S B Twitchell	}	Selectmen
C T D Crockett		of
E G Wheeler		Bethel

Bethel April 11d. 1868.

Pursuant to the within warrent to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up two attested copies of said warrent: one on the Meeting house near Beans Corner and one in the post office on Bethel hill being the places where the town last voted to have their warrents posted on the third day of April A D 1868 being seven days before said Meeting

I G Kimball	}	Constable
		Of Bethel

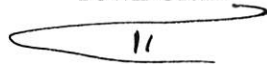
The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrent and the officers return thereon.

A true record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk



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Pursuant to the foregoing warrent the inhabitants of said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows: -----

- 1st Chose G A Hastings Moderator to govern said meeting, who was duly sworn in to office by the Town Clerk.
- 2d On motion voted to rescind the vote whereby the town voted to assess the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, the present year, to pay for the town Farm and the personal property purchased therewith.
- 3d On motion voted to authorize the Treasurer, to hire money on a term of years not Exceeding ten years, to pay for the town farm and the personal property purchased therewith.
- 4d On motion voted not to pay Wm C Frye a bounty of one hundred dollars.
- 5d On motion voted to pass over article 5th
- 6d On motion voted to pass over article 6th
- 7d No other legal business coming before the meeting voted to adjourn with out date.

G A Hastings, Moderator

A true record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk

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State of Maine

Oxford ss: To I G Kimball a Constable of the town of Bethel in said county --Greeting---

Whereas application has been made to me S. F. Gibson a Justice of the Peace for said County by thirteen legal voters in said town of Bethel to call a meeting of the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in town affairs to act upon the articles herein after mentioned and whereas it has been made to appear to me that the selectmen of said town upon a request in meeting, duly made to them for that purpose, have unreasonably to call a meeting upon said article:

Therefore you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of Bethel aforesaid

qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the town house in said town on the thirteenth day of April next at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following articles, to wit:

First - To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second To see if the town will vote to repair the town House and choose an agent or authorize the Selectmen to superintend the repairing the Same —

Third To See if the town will vote to pay William C. Frye one hundred dollars the amount his due from the town to make his bounty as a soldier equal to the bounty paid by said town to other Soldiers who re-enlisted with him at or about the First day of January 1865 ----

Fourth To See if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to draft an order for said Frye upon the Town Treasurer for said one hundred dollars. —

Fifth - To See if the town will vote to pay John S Wormell one hundred dollars the amount his due from the town, to make his bounty as a Soldier equal to the bounty paid by said town to other Soldiers who re-enlisted with him at or about the first day of January 1864

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Sixth - To See if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to draft an order for said one hundred dollars upon the Town Treasurer for said Wormell.

Seventh - To transact any other business that may be legally before Said Meeting.

Given under my hand and Seal this twentieth day of April A D 1868
S F Gibson Jus. Of the Peace.

Bethel April 30d 1868

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed, I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up two attest copies of said warrant one on the meeting house near Bean's Corner and one in the Post Office on Bethel Hill being the places where the town last voted to have these warrants posted on the 22d day of April A. D. 1868 being seven days before said meeting.

I G Kimball
Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant and the officers return therein.

A true record
Attest

L. T. Barker
Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs Met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the town Clerk, proceeded to business as follows.

- 1st Choose O H Mason Moderator to govern said Meeting, who was duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.
- 2d On motion Voted to authorize the Selectmen to repair the Town House as they should deem sufficient.

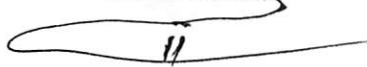
On motion of D F Brown voted to adjouren Meeting the first Monday in March 1869 at ten o clock A. M. by 78 yes to 40 nays.

A true record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk



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General Meeting June 3d 1868

To I G Kimball a Constable of the town of Bethel in the County of Oxford. Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town House in the Said town on Wednesday the third day of June A. D. 1868 at five o clock P. M. to act on the following articles to wit, Viz.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2d To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire Money to pay for building the Bridge at or near Barkers Ferry of [left hanging in book]
- 3d To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to dispose of the Bethel Bridge Bonds, as he may think proper and expedient,

- 4th To see what action the town will take about protecting the bank of Sunday river at or near Swan Corner

Given under our hands at Bethel this twenty fifth day of May A. D. 1868

S. R. Twitchell }
C T D Crockett } Selectmen
of Bethel

Bethel June 3rd 1868

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed, to assemble at the time and place and for purpose therein mentioned by posting up two attested copies of Such warrant, one on the Meeting house near Bean's Corner and one in the Post Office on Bethel Hill, the places where the town last voted

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to have their warrants posted on the twenty sixth day of May it being Seven days before Said meeting.

I G Kimball } Constable

The foregoing is a true Copy of the original Warrent and the officers return thereon

A true record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the inhabitants of Said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs, Met at the time and place therein appointed, and the meeting having been duly opened by the town Clerk proceeded to business as follows;--

- 1st Chose Cyrus Wormell Moderator to govern Said Meeting. Who was duly sworne into office by the Town Clerk.
- 2d Voted. That the Town Treasurer be authorized and empowered in his capacity as Treasurer to rais Such Sum or Sums of money as May be required from time to time and at Such rate per cent and on Such time as he may judge to be for the best interests of the Town, the Same to be applied to the building of the bridge at Barkers Ferry (so called) in Said Bethel.
- 3d Voted. That the Town Treasurer be authorized and Empowered to Sell and dispose of the Town Scrip or Bonds at such discount and in Such quantites as in his judgement will be for the best interests of the town. ---

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4d Voted. To lay article 4th on the table.

On motion. — Voted to adjourn without date.

Cyrus Wormell } Moderator

A true record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk


Town Meeting September 14th 1868

To I G Kimball a Constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford — Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the said Town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said Town on Monday the 14th day of Sept. at nine o clock A. M. to act on the folowing Articles, to wit.

First To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

Second To see if the Town will accept of the widening of a road, a (could not make out what book had either) by the Selectmen, said road leading front yard of N T True to its junction with Broad Street

Third To see what course the Town will take in relation to rebuilding or repairing Bear river bridge.

Given under our hands at Bethel the fourth day of Sept. A. D. 1868.

S B Twitchell } Selectmen
C T D Crockett } of
E B Wheeler } Bethel

Bethel September 14th 1868

Pursuant to the within warrant to me, directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the said town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up two authorized copies of said warrant one at the Post

Office at Bethel Hill and one on the meeting house near Beans Corner on the fifth day of September 1869 being seven days before said meeting.

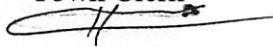
I G Kimball

Constable
Of Bethel

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant and the Constables return thereon

Attest.

L T Barker Town Clerk



Bethel September 3rd 1868

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Said Town of Bethel legally qualified and warned in the foregoing warrant met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Constable proceeded to business as follows.

First Choose N T True Moderator, to preside over said Meeting who was duly sworn in office by a justice of the peace

Chose C T D Crockett Clerk pro tem. who was duly sworn into office

Second Voted to accept the widening of the road leading from Dr N T True firstly and to its junction on Broad Street as laid out by the Selectmen

Third Voted to raise a Committee of three to examin

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the bridge at Bear River and that they be authorized to repair or rebuild said bridge as they may think best.

Voted that S B Twitchell L S Smith and John Philbrook be that committee

On motion voted to adjourn without date

N T True { Moderator

A true record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk



Annual Town Meeting Sept. 14. 1868

To I G Kimball Constable of the town of Bethel. ---

You are hereby requested in the name of the State of Maine to notify and Warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Bethel qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the Town House on the

fourteenth day of September at Ten o'clock A. M. to give in their votes for Governor - Senators - Representatives to Congress - County Officers and a Representative to represent them in the Legislature of this State - also to vote on the following question -----

Shall the Constitution be amended So as to authorize the assumption of Municipal War debts by loaning the credit of the State to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate Three Million Two hundred thousand dollars, as proposed by a resolve of the Forty seventh Legislature- and Said Inhabitants Shall vote by ballot on Said question those in favor of said amendment, expressing it by the word "yes" and those opposed to the amendment by the word "no". —

The Selectmen will be in session at the Town House on Saturday the 12th day of Sept - at one o'clock P. M. and at nine o'clock A. M. on the day of the election for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

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Bethel Sept 14d 1868

S B Twitchell	}	Selectmen of Bethel
C T D Crockett		

Bethel September 14d 1868

Pursuant to the within Warrent to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for purpose therein expressed by posting up two attested copies of said Warrent — one in the Post Office on Bethel Hill and one on the Meeting house near Bean's Corner being public and conspicuous places in Said town on the fifth day of September 1868 being Seven days before said Meeting

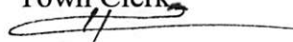
I G Kimball	}	Constable of Bethel

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant with the Officers return thereon.

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk



Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the Inhabitants of said Town of Bethel legally qualified to vote for State and County Officials and Representative to the Legislature, Met at the time and place appointed and the Meeting being duly opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen. They proceeded to give in their votes for the Several officers --- to wit ===

For Governor

Joshua L Chamberlain had Three hundred Thirty four

(334)

Eben F Pillsbury had Two hundred Twenty four

(224)

For Senators

W W Bolster had Three hundred Fifty five (355)
 Samuel Tyler had Three hundred Fifty five (355)

Cornelius M Holland had Two hundred Twenty four (224)
 John C Gerry had Two hundred Twenty four (224)

For County Commissioners

Herman A Ellis had Three Hundred Thirty five (335)
 Calvin S Brown and Two Hundred Twenty four (224)

For County Treasurer

Horatio Austin had Three hundred thirty five (335)
 Samson Andrews had Two hundred Twenty four (224)

For Register of Probate

Josiah S Hobbs had Three hundred Thirty five (335)
 Charles W Howard had Two hundred Twenty four (224)

For Sheriff

Cyrus Wormell had Three hundred Twenty three (323)
 C S Edwards had Two hundred Twenty (220)

For Representative Congress

Samuel P Morrill had Three hundred Thirty five (335)
 Alonzo Garcelon had Two hundred Twenty four (224)

For Representative to Legislature

Israel G Kimball had Three hundred thirty two (332)

Gideon A Hastings had Two hundred Twenty six (226)

Amendment of the Constitution under Resolve of the Legislature approved March 9d 1868.

Whole number of votes Forty-seven (47)
 "Yes" Forty-four (44)
 "No" Three (3)

A true Record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk

State of Maine

To I G Kimball a Constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford and State of Maine
Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn all persons qualified by law to vote, to assemble at the Town House in said town of Bethel on Saturday the Twenty fourth day of October A. D. 1868 at Two o clock in the afternoon to act upon the following Articles to wit;

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting
- 2d To See if the Town will vote to raise Fifteen Hundred dollars in addition to the Amount raise December Eighteenth A D 1867 to complete the Bridge at or near Barkers Ferry in Bethel and to see how it shall be raised
- 3d To See if the Town will authorize their Building Committee to draw orders on the Treasurer for a sufficient amount to complete the Bridge at or near Barker's Ferry in Bethel.

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Given under our hand at Bethel this sixteenth day of October A. D. 1868 -----

S B Twitchell

Selectmen

of

E G Wheeler

Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned by posting two attested copies of said warrant one on the Meeting house near Beans Corner and one in the Post Office on Bethel Hill on Saturday the 17th day of October AD 1868, being seventeen day before said meeting.----

I G Kimball

Constable

Of Bethel

I certify that the foregoing is a true copie of the original warrent with the officers return thereon

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrent the Inhabitants of said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place mentioned and the meeting having been duly opened by (left hanging in the book)

- 1st Chose I G Kimball Moderator
- 2nd Chose Eber Clough Clerk pro tem. who was duly sworn
- 3^d Voted to raise fifteen hundred Dollars in addition to the Sum raised on the 18th day of December 1867 to complete the Bridge at Barkers Ferry
- 4th Voted to authorise the Treasurer to issue the Bonds

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of the Town to the Amount of fifteen hundred Dollars in addition to the amount authorized December 18th 1867 -----

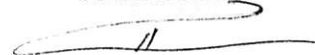
- 5th Voted to allow the Bridge Committee to draw on the Treasurer for a sufficient sum to complete the Bridge at or near Barkers Ferry so called in Bethel

A true copy
Eber Clough
Clerk pro. Tem.

A true record

Attest

L T Barker
Town Clerk



Presidential Election

To I G Kimball a Constable of the Town of Bethel-----

You are hereby requested in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Bethel qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the Town House in said Town of Bethel on Tuesday the third day of November next at ten o'clock A. M. to give in their votes for electors of President and Vice President of the United States -----

The Selectmen will be in Session at the Town House Saturday the Thirty first day of Oct. at Two o'clock P. M. and also at Nine A. M. on the day of the Election for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Dated at Bethel this Twenty third day of October A D. 1868

S B Twithcell

7 Selectmen

C T D Crockett }
E G Wheeler } of
Bethel

Bethel Nov 3d 1868

Pursuant to the within warrent to me directed I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mention by posting up two attested copies of said warrent - one on the Meeting House near Beans Corner, and one in the Post Office on Bethel Hill on Monday the 26th day of October 1868 being Seven day before said Meeting

I G Kimball } Constable

I certify that the foregoing is a true copie of the original warrant and the officers return thereon

Attest

L T Barker }
Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of said Town of Bethel legally qualified to vote for Electors for President and vice President, met at the time and place mentioned, and the Meeting being duly opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen they proceeded to give in their votes as follows - viz.

For Electors

George L Beal had Three hundred and nine	(309)
Samuel P Stirtland had three hundred and nine	(309)
Esuff H Banks had three hundred and nine	(309)
Amos Nourse had three hundred and nine	(309)
Dennis L Milhen had three hundred and nine	(309)
Henry A Perry had three hundred and nine	(309)
Ebenezer Knowlton had three hundred and nine	(309)
Philip Eastman had One hundred fifty two	(152)
John Ware had One hundred fifty two	(152)
Horatio J Swasey had One hundred fifty two	(152)

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Alva Black had One hundred fifty two	(152)
George C Getchell had One hundred fifty two	(152)
John B Traflore had One hundred fifty two	(152)
William H Simpson had One hundred fifty two	(152)

A true record

Attest

L T Barker } Town Clerk

Report of the Bridge Committee

To Mighill Mason a Constable of the town of Bethel in the County of Oxford

Greeting-----

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in said town on the sixteenth day of February at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following Articles to wit.

First To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.

Second To hear the report of the Bridge Committee.

Third To see what action the town will take in relation to building or purchasing a Tollhouse.

Fourth To see how the town will raise money to pay for a Toll House and also to build a fence and guard up at the Ends of the Bridge and build a Toll Gate

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Fifth To see what action the town will take in relation to gathering the toll on the bridge.

Sixth To see if the town will vote to commute the toll to persons not residents of Bethel.

Given under our hands this Eighth day of February A. D. 1869

S B Twitchell Selectmen
E G Wheeler of Bethel

Oxford ss

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the time place and purpose within named by posting of two attested copies in two public and conspicuous places (to wit) one copy on the free meeting house near Eli Swans and one copy at the Post office on Bethel Hill at least seven days before said Meeting

Fees

Mighill Mason

2 copies 2.00

Services .50

\$2.50

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of said town of Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows Viz. -----

1st Chose A L Burbank Moderator to preside at said Meeting who was sworn by the Town

Clerk.

- 2nd Voted to accept the Bridge committees Report which is as follows Viz. ----
Yousef [all that I can make out from book or film] Committee have to Report the

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Whole cost of Bridge as it now stands \$16,469.00. Estimated cost of grading and Railing at the North End and building fence at South End \$100. Total Cost \$16,569.00

The above sum has Accrued as follows

Paid contract with Piper and Lary for Stone structure \$1,712.50
Paid Charlie Richardson for Wood Structure \$5,900.00
Paid Eber Clough for timber and lumber and labor furnished \$344.00
Paid Samuel B Twitchell for material and Labor furnished 145.00
Paid Pinkney Burnham for lumber and labor furnished \$42.00
Paid Eber Clough bill for wadelle plans and specification \$25.00
Paid committees Bills \$100. Each \$300.00

Eber Clough	}	building
Pinkney Burnham		Committee
Saml B Twitchell		

- 3d Voted to chose a Committe of three to purchase the buildings owned by the old Bridge Company and take a deed of the same if they can obtain these at a reasonable price, if they can not to purchase a lot and build a Toll House. David F Brown Arnie B Swan Celon Rowe chosen said Committee.
- 4th Voted to pass over 4th Article and request the Selectmen to insert an Article in the Warrant for the Annual town Meeting to provide for the want as Expressed in said Article.
- 5th Ordered that the Town hire Edman(d) E. Holt for the Ensuing year as Toll Gatherer to commence the first of March Next for the term of one year or until another is chosen in stead. Whose duty shall be to give suitable Bond to the Selectmen

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for the faithful discharge of his duties and who shall at the end of Every Month give a correct and accurate account of all the Money he has received and pay the Sums over to the Treasurer. And also to look after all the interests of the Bridge and Buildings and during the winter he is to keep the Bridge well Covered with snow and that he is to have for Services three hundred dollars (\$300.) and the rent of the Buildings by the Said Town.

6th Voted to pass over the sixth article.

An motioned Voted to adjourn without date.

A true record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk

To Eber Clough a Constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford.

Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in said Town on Saturday the twenty second day of May at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles Viz. ----

First To Choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

Second To See if the town will notify the settlement of the Execution in favor of Said inhabitants against Mighill Mason made with him by the Selectmen Feb. 19th 1868 or what action they will take in relation to Said execution.

Given under our hands at Bethel

See

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Annual Town Meeting

March 1st 1869

To John S Swan a constable of the town of Bethel in the County of Oxford Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said Town on the First day of March at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles to wit.-----

- 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside at Said Meeting.
- 2nd To Choose a town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- 3rd To hear the Report of the Selectmen.
- 4th To hear the Report of the Auditors and allow accounts.
- 5th To Choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.
- 6th To See what the town will pay for collecting taxes.
- 7th To hear the report of the School committee
- 8th To raise Money for the Support of schools
- 9th To raise Money for the Support of the Poor. To repair roads and bridges and defray all other Necessary town Expenses.

- 10th To See what amount of Money the town will raise to pay its indebttness.
- 11th To See What action the town will take in relation to the suit now pending against S. B. Twitchell for removing the old Pier in the Androscoggin River at Barker's Ferry.
- 12th To See if the town will raise money to open that portion of the road laid out by the County Commissioners commencing near the house of Widow David Sanborn. South to the County road between S S Stanley's and the house of Widow C L Russell.
- 13th To See if the town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money to pay certain notes against the town which come due during the ensuing year or to

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- renew the same -----
- 15th To See if the town will appeal from the decision of the County Commissioners on road leading from Middle Intervale to Swans Hill.
- 16th To See if the town will raise money to build road as laid out by County Coms. leading from Middle Intervale to Swans Hill
- 17th To see if the town will accept of the List of Jurors as proposed by the Selectmen, Town Clerk, and Treasurer.

The Selectmen gave notice that they will be in session at the Town House on the day of Said Meeting at 9 o'clock for the purpose of correcting and revising the check list.

Given under our hands at Bethel this 19th day of February A. D. 1869 S B Twitchell } Selectmen
 C T D Crockett } of
 E G Wheeler } Bethel

State of Maine

Oxford ss

Bethel Feby. 27 A. D. 1869

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of said Town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes warned by posting up two attested copies of the within Warrant one at the Post Office and the other at Union Meeting House at East Bethel near Beans Corner both being public and conspicuous places in said town on the 20th day of February 1869 being at least seven days before said meeting-----

John Swan
 Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant and officers return thereon
 A true copy Attest L T Barker Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs Met at the time and place therein appointed and the Meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows-----

- 1st Chose A L Burbank Moderator to preside in Said Meeting who was duly Sworn by the Town Clerk
- 2nd Chose L T Barker Town Clerk who was duly Sworn by the Moderator -----
On motion voted to adjourn one half hour.
- 3^d Voted to accept the Report of the Selectmen Except the Statement as regards a settlement with Mighill Mason
- 4th Voted to accept the Auditors Report=(on page 166 this book)
Voted to leave the lawsuit now pending for the Selectmen and Town Agent to Settle as they may think for the best interest of the town.
Voted to leave the account of Charles M Russell in the hands of the Selectmen to Settle.
Voted that S F Gibson and the Town Treasurer be authorized to collect the Execution against Mighill Mason
- 5th Chose Samuel B Twitchell 1st Selectman
“ G A Hastings 2nd Selectman
“ Wm H Goddard 3rd Selectman
The two first were duly sworn by the Town Clerk
Chose Samuel B Twitchell G A Hastings and Wm H Goddard assessors and overseers of the poor. The two first named were duly sworn----
Chose R A Chapman Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
Chose N. T. True Superintending School Committee
Chose S F Gibson for Town Agent.
Chose Eber Clough Collector of taxes for the ensuing year.
Voted to choose Highway Surveyors for the ensuing year and the following named person were

duly chosen and those marked were duly sworn by the Town Clerk

+ Woodsom Mason	+ Ephriam Bartlett
Tilton Bennett	Benjamin Estes
+ Almon Grover	Jacob T Kimball
+ Abial Chandler Jr.	+ I B Valintine

W W Mason	+ John S Swan 2 nd
+ O P Chandler	+ Lavi A More
W W Chase	Jediah Estes
L P Holt	+ R D Cummings
+ Z N Bean	+ Daniel Dunn
Enoch Bartlett	Robbins B Brown
Moses Sweat	+ Newton Grover
+ L W Russell	+ Newton S Stearns
+ W L Grover	Amos K Scribner
Galon Blake	+ G A Hastings
D P Sanborn	Cyrus M Harden
Chas M Kimball	+ D M Grover
Jonathan M Bartlett	+ Plrney Richardson
	John Kingsbury

Chose for Constable + Eber Clough + John S Swan S D Philbrook and O H Mason

Chose for Auditors - M C Kimball L W Russell James E Ayer

Voted that the Highway Surveyers shall be Fence Viewers and Field Drivers ----

Chose G W Haskell Pound Keeper

Chose for Surveyers of Lumber the following named persons

Pinkney Burnham Hiram Hodsdon O H Mason Hosea Riply Hazen Osgood

Chose for Surveyer of Wood & Bark O H Mason D F Brown Albert W Grover Barker Holt

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Chose the following named persons for Tything men.

Gilman Chapman Moses A Mason

Edmun Holt, E S Bartlett

Gilman Smith

Chose the following named person as Sextons

I B Littlehale - B M Clark - Richard Jordan - N A Mason - Simeon Brown - Ira W.

Bean - Eli Twitchell - Leonard Farwell - Gilman Smith -

Chose David F. Brown Sealer of Leather

Voted that School district choose three Agents

- 6th Voted to pay one cent on the dollar for all taxes committed to the collector for the ensuing year.
Eber Clough previously chosen Collector presented his bondsmen - The following named persons who were accepted Gilman Chapman. S F Brown. A H Mason. Pinkney Burnham. Mighall Mason. And he (Clough) was declared Elected
- 7th Voted to accept the school Committees Report without being read and that it be placed on file in the town clerk office.
- 8th Voted to raise the amount of money required by law for schools.
Voted to instruct the committee chosen to purchase or build a Toll House - to purchase the building known as the old toll House at a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.
Voted to excuse D F Brown and Anis B Swan from any further service as committee and chose Gilman Chapman and Eber Clough in their stead -----
- 9th Voted to raise three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for the repair of Roads & Bridges also six thousand dollars (\$6,000) for the repair of Roads and Bridges and all necessary town expenses.

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- 10th Voted that the Treasurer be authorized to use any funds that he may have on hand or that may come into his hand to pay the interest on town notes that may become due this year and if it is not sufficient that he be authorized to hire money for that purpose.
- 11th Voted to leave the law suit now pending between S B Twitchell and Abernathy Grover with the Town Treasurer and Town Agent to settle as they may think for the best interest of the town
- 12th Voted to pass over article 12th
- 13th Voted to pass over article 13th
- 14th Voted that the town Treasurer be authorized to hire what money is necessary to pay the indebtedness of the town.
- 15th Voted to pass over article 15th.
- 16th Voted to pass over article 16th.
- 17th Voted to accept the List of Jurers as prepared by the Selectmen Town Clerk & Town

Treasurer. Who are the following named persons.

Chas. T D Crockett	Edward P. Grover	Moses A Mason
Sam'l B Twitchell	Isreal G Kimball	S J Howard
Robbins B Brown	Benjamin R Bryant	Alonzo Howe
Alphin Twitchell	Sam'l J Mills	John S Swan 2 nd
Abiel Chandler Jr	Albert W Grover	A L Burbank
Woodsum Mason	Amos A Young	Oscar D Grover
Hiram Hodsdon	Wm R Eames	John Russell
Mighil Mason	Wm W Mason	Gilman P Bean
Judson E Stearns	Oliver H Mason	Gilbert Chapman
Eli Foster	David T. Foster	David M Grover
Pinkney Burnham	Curatio T Bartlett	Gideon A Hastings
Moses C Foster	Moses T Cross	Silas G Wheeler
Albron P Blake	Samuel D Philbrook	Gilman Smith
Calvin I Kimball	Charles L Twitchell	Spencer T. Bartlett
		over

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Abernathy Grover
Elijah Brown

Elias S Bartlett

Auditors Report

S B Twitchell bill 1 st Assessor and overseer of the poor \$82.35 allowed	\$82.35
C T D Crockett bill as 2 nd Assessor and overseer of the Poor \$51.00 Allowed	\$48.00
E G Wheeler bill as 3 rd Assessor and overseer of the poor \$45.00 Allowed	\$45.00
D. Garland bill as Sup. School Committee \$55.00 Allowed	\$55.00
C T D Crockett bill as Sup. School Committee \$42.00 Allowed	\$42.00
N T True bill as Sup. School committee not presented Supposed to be	\$30.00
Josiah Brown 2 nd bill as Road Commissioner \$44.00	
Allowed	\$44.00
John M Philbrook bill as Road commissioner \$20.00	
Allowed	\$20.00
E M Carter bill as Road Commissioner \$70.00	
Allowed	\$70.00
John Barker bill as Road Commissioner \$38.00	
Allowed	\$38.00
James O Brown bill as Road Commissioner \$25.65	
Allowed	\$25.65
Dr C W Gordon bill Medicine and Medical treatment to Mrs. Keys \$24.00	
Allowed	\$15.00
Dr J A Martin bill for medical reason \$19.30	
Allowed	\$18.30

Incumber Macumber bill for keeping Mrs. Keys 20 weeks \$80.00	
Allowed	\$60.00
D F Brown bill as Treasurer of School and Ministerial fund \$6.00	
Allowed	\$ 6.00
John Barker bill Examing poor farm \$2.00	
Allowed	\$ 2.00
Elias M Carter bill as Town Agent \$15.00 Allowed	\$15.00
R A Chapman bill as Treasurer \$25.00	
Allowed	\$25.00
Pinkney Burnham Auditor	\$ 3.00
Gilman Chapman & Saul D Philbrook \$3.00 each	\$ 6.00
Pinkney Burnham Gilman Chapman Saul D Philbrook	Constables of Bethel

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On motion voted to Adjourn without date.

A L Burbank Moderator

A true record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk



Bethel March 2d 1869

These personally appeared R A Chapman having been duly Elected Treasurer and S F Gibson having been duly Elected Town Agent and G W Haskell having been duly Elected Pound Keeper Each made oath that they would perform the duty of their office according to law

Before me L T Barker

Town Clerk



Bethel March 4d 1869

There personally appeared W^m L Grover having been duly Elected Highway Surveyor and made oath that he would perform the duty of said office according to law.

Before me L T Barker

Town Clerk




Bethel March 6th 1869

There personally appeared W^m H Goddard been duly Elected Selectman and made oath that he would perform the duty of said office according to law

Before me L T Barker

Town Clerk

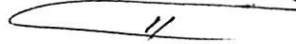


Bethel March 27 1869

There personally appeared Barker Holt having been duly Elected Surveyor of Wood & Bark and made oath that he would perform the duty of said office according to law

Before me L T Barker

Town Clerk



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To L T Barker

Town Clerk of Bethel

The undersigned Sup. School Committee of Bethel have Elected Wm H Goddard to fill the vacancy in the Board made by the removal of C. T. D. Crockett from the town of Bethel.

April 24 1869

N. T. True } Sup School
D. Garland } Com. Of Bethel

There personally appeared the above named Wm H Goddard and oath that he would perform the duty of said office according to law before me.

And I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original notice of the Election of the above named Wm H Goddard

Attest

L T Barker

April 24d 1869

Town Clerk

To Eber Clough a Constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford.

Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Townhouse in said Town on Saturday the twenty second day of May at three o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following Article, Viz: -----

First To choose a Moderator to preside at said Meeting.

Second To See if the town will notify the settlement of the execution in favor of said inhabitants against Mighill Mason Made with him by the Selectmen July 19th 1869 or what action they will take in relation to Said Execution.

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Given under our hands at Bethel this 14th day of May A. D. 1869

S B Twitchell



Selectmen

May 22d 1869

Persuant to the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Said town qualified as therein Expressed to assemble at Said time and place; and for the purpose therein named by posting up two attested copies of said warrant one at the Meeting House at Beans Corner and one at the Post Office on Bethel Hill being Public and conspicuous places in Said town on Saturday the 14th day of May being seven days before Said Meeting

Eber Clough
Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of original Warrant and the Officers return thereon

A true copy

Attest

L T Barker

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of said town of Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place appointed and the meeting having been duly opened by Eber Clough, a Constable of said town proceeded to business as follows Viz.

First Chose C S Edwards Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Second On motion voted that the town notify

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the settlement made by the Selectmen with Mighill Mason. Feby 19th 1869 of the Execution in favor of the town of Bethel against him and that the Treasurer be hereby authorized and directed to discharge said execution and cancel the same.

J E Ayers

Clerk Pro-tem

C S Edwards

Moderator

A true record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk

Town Meeting

Bethel Sept 15d 1869

To Eber Clough a constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford

Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said town on the thirteenth day of September at 9 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles. Viz -----

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said Meeting.
- 2nd To see what arrangement the Town will make in relation to the Bill for over work on highways for the year 1868---
- 3rd To see what arrangements the Town will make about building a new Town House---

Given under our hands at Bethel this second day of September A D 1869

S B Twitchell	}	Selectmen
G A Hastings		of
Wm H Goddard		Bethel

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Bethel Sept 15d 1869

Persuant to the within Warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at said time and place for the purposes therein named by posting up two attested copies of said Warrant, one at the Meeting house near Beans Corner and one at the Post Office on Bethel Hill in said town being two public and conspicuous places in said town, on the 3d day of Sept. being seven day before the meeting.

Eber Clough

Constable

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant and the Officers return thereon

A true copy

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel legally qualified to vote for state and county Officers and Representatives to Legislature met at the time and place appointed and the meeting being duly opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen, they proceeded to give in their votes for the several Officers to Wit.

For Governor

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of said Town of Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place appointed and the meeting being duly opened by the Town Clerk, proceeded to business as follows Viz.

1st Chose Abernathy Grover Moderator to preside in said Meeting, who was duly sworn by the Town Clerk

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2nd Voted to leave the Subject of this Article 2d in the hands of the Selectmen for adjutment [adjudicate?] on the most equitable terms possible.

3d Voted to pass over Article 3d
Voted to adjourn Sine die

A true record

Attest

L T Barker } Town Clerk

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-----Annual September Meeting 1869 -----

To Eber Clough

A Constable of the town of Bethel

Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the Town House on Monday the thirteenth day of September at ten o'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for Governor, Senators, and Representative to represent them in the Legislature of this State; and to vote for all other necessary County officers.--

The Selectmen will be in Session at the Town House on Saturday the 11th day of September at two o'clock P.M. and Also at 7 o'clock A.M. on the day of Election to Correct the list of Voters -----

Dated at Bethel the second day of September in this year of our Lord 1869-----

S B Twitchell
G A Hastings
W H Goddard

Selectmen
of
Bethel

Bethel Sept. 13th A. D. 1869

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and

warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein Expressed to assemble at said time and place and for the purposes therein named by posting up two attested coppies of said warrant, one at the Meeting house at Bean's Corner and one at the Post Office on Bethel Hill in said town being t[w]o public and conspicuous places in said town on the 7th day of September being seven days before the Meeting

Eber Clough } Constable

Over

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I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant with the Officers return thereon

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel legally qualified to vote for State and County officers and Representative to the Legislature. Met at the time and place appointed and the Meeting being duly opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen they proceeded to give in their votes for the several offices to Wit.

For Governor

Joshua L Chamberlain	had Two hundred and thirty four	234
Franklin Smith	" One hundred ten	110
Nathan G Hichborn	" Fourteen	14

For Senators

William W Bolster	had Two hundred thirty four	234
Thomas P Cleaver	" Two hundred thirty one	231

John C Gerry	had one hundred ten	110
Charles C Sanderson	" one hundred ten	110

Lewis Bisbee	had Fourteen	14
E C Farrington	" Fourteen	14

Clerk of Courts

William K Kimball	had Two hundred thirty four	234
Samuel R Carter	" One hundred ten	110
A L Burbank	" Fourteen	14

Treasurer

Horatio Austin	had Two hundred forty eight	248
Alfred P Andrews	" One hundred ten	110

County Commissioners

William Chase had Two hundred forty nine	249
Josiah Hutchinson " One hundred ten	110

Representative

Israel G Kimball had Two hundred forty seven	247
Gideon A Hastings " One hundred ten	110

A true record

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting

-----March 7th 1870-----

To Eber Clough a constable of the town of Bethel in the County of Oxford.

Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House in said town on the seventh day of March next at ten o clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles to wit.

- 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
- 2nd To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year
- 3rd To hear the report of the Selectmen & Treasurer
- 4th To hear the report of the Auditors and allow accounts.
- 5 To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year
- 6 To see what the town will pay for collecting taxes.
- 7 To hear the report of the School committee

- 8 To raise money for the Support of Schools.
- 9 To raise money for the Support of the Poor, to repair Roads and Bridges and defray all necessary town expenses.
- 10 To see what amount of highway tax the town will vote to have raised---
- 11 To see what action the town will take in relation

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to collection toll on the Bethel Toll Bridge----

- 12 To see what action the town will take in relation to building a new Town Hall or hiring a place in which to hold their future meetings
- 13 To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Agent and Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the town way commencing on the land leading to Joseph Holts and running a southeastly couse to intersect the road near the foot of the Hill East of John Garlands house which was laid out and Established by the County Commissioners on approval of John S Swan 2nd and others from vote of the town of Bethel of Sept. 10d 1866 where as the town refused to accept of the location as laid out by the Selectmen of said town.---
- 14 To see if the town will vote to instruct their Agent and Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the road from Middle Intervale by the house of Widow David Sanborn to S S Stanleys as laid out on petition of D G Kendell and others.
- 15 To See if the town will vote to raise money to open the road from Widow David Sanborns to S S Stanleys as laid out on petition of D G Kendell and others.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in Session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters at the town house at nine o clock in the forenoon on the day of Said Meeting.

Given under our hand this twenty third day of February A D 1870

S B Twitchell	}	Selectmen of Bethel
G A Hastings		

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Bethel February 26 A D 1870

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein Expressed to assemble at said time and place and for the purpose therein named by posting up two attested copyes of Said warrant one on the Meeting House near Beans Corner and one on the post office on Bethel Hill being two public and conspicuous places in said town on the 26 day of February 1870 being seven days before Said Meeting

Eber Clough
Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant and the Officers return thereon----

A true copy

Attest

L T Barker

Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of said town of Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs Met at the time and place therein appointed, and the meeting being duly opened by the Town Clerk— proceeded to business as follows----

- 1 Chose A L Burbank Moderator to preside in said meeting - who was duly sworn by the Town Clerk
- 2 Chose L T Barker town Clerk for the ensuing year who was duly sworn by the Moderator.

On motion voted that a list of the votes against the town be made

- 3 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen

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and place the same in file---

Voted to accept the report of the Treasurer and that the same be place in file---

Voted to reconsider the vote accepting the selectmens report.

Voted to accept the report of the selectmen.

- 4 Vote to accept the Auditors report and place the same on file--

On motion Voted to lay the bill presented by Absalom Farwell on the table.

- 5 Chose Gideon A Hastings 1st Selectman for the ensuing year
“ Elbridge G Wheeler 2nd Selectman “ ” “ ”
“ Wm H Goddard 3rd Selectman “ ” “ ”

Chose Gideon A Hastings, Elbridge G Wheeler and Wm H Goddard Assessors for the Ensuing year

Chose R A Chapman treasurer for the Ensuing year

Chose Wm H Goddard Sup. School Committee----

Chose S F Gibson Town Agent for the Ensuing year

- 6 Voted to set up the collecting of the taxes to the lowest bidder - Eber Clough bid one cent on the dollar, and was declared the lowest bidder.
- 5 Voted that Eber Clough be declared collector for the town for the Ensuing year.

Voted to chose all other necessary town officers by hand vote.

Chose + Eber Clough S H Shehan and + John S Swan Constable for the Ensuing year

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and those marked were duly sworn by the Town Clerk

Voted to choose three constables---

Chose M C Kimball Auditor for the ensuing year

Voted to leave the choosing of field drivers & fence viewers with the Selectmen---

Chose as Surveyors of Wood, Bark & Lumber E B Goddard, O H Mason, D F Brown, Hiram Hodsdon, Edward Goddard, A W Grover, S W Kilbourn, Barker Holt, & Pinkney Burnham.

Chose S T Bartlett, S R Shehan, Gilman Smith, W W Mason - Tythingmen for the Ensuing year.

Chose Benjamin Clark Albion P Beattie, Gilman Smith, I B Littlehale, Leonard Farwell, Moses Mason, L D Swan, Richard Jordon and Eli Twitchell — Sextons for the Ensuing year.

Chose D F Brown — Sealer of Leather

Voted that Each school District choose their Agents

- 6 Voted to pay one cent on the dollar for collecting all taxes committed to the Collector for the Ensuing year.
- 7 Voted to accept the report of the school committee with out reading, and that it be put on file.
- 8 Voted to raise the Amount of Money for school that the law requires.
- 9 Voted to raise three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to repair Roads and Bridges, to support the poor

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and defray all necessary town Expenses.

- 10 Voted to raise five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for the repair of highways.
- 11 Voted to leave the matter of the 11th Article in the hands of the selectmen.
- 12 On motion to Voted not pass on Article 12th
- 12 Voted to lay Article 12th on the table
- 13 Voted to pass over Article 13th
- 14 & 15 Voted to pass over Articles 14th & 15th

Voted to adjourn without date

A L Burbank
Moderator

A true copy
Attest

L T Barker
Town Clerk



The following persons were duly sworn by the Clerk.

G A Hastings E G Wheeler W H Goddard as Selectmen and Assessors -----
W H Goddard as School Committee.

Eber Clough as Collector and Constable and John S Swan as Constable S R Shehan as
Constables

M C Kendell as Auditor R A Chapman as Treasurer

A W Grover as surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber also Pinkney Burnham and S R Shehan

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Bethel March 14, 1870

There personally appeared Barker Holt having been Elected Surveyor of Wood, Bark & Lumber
and made oath that he would perform the duties of Said office according law.

Before me

L T Barker

Town Clerk

There personally appeared Charles L Twitchell having been appointed of the Highway surveyors
for the town of Bethel and made oath that he would perform the duties of said office according to
law;---- before me

L T Barker

Town Clerk

April 28 1870

There personally appeared Walter M. Brown having been appointed one of the Highway
surveyors for the town of Bethel and made Oath that he would perform the duties of said Office
according to law

Before me L. T. Barker

Town Clerk

April 28, 1870

There personally appeared Abernathy Grover Mighill Mason, Gilman Smith, M E Bartlett
E P Grover, David A Edwards & David M Grover

April 29th John E Farwell, E E Bean V G Chapman

May 2d Benjamin Stevens L D Swan

“ 3 Hansen Osgood May 4 Moses S. Kimball John Chase May 5d Z[?] D Hastings, Francis
Barker, R H Penly May 6 I G Kimball May 7 H M Bryant, Richard Estes A D Holt May 10 C S
Edwards May 14 Ira Cushman, May 31 David B Grover June 11 Nathan M Cummings & June
13 George Solly

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June 13th Benj. R Bryant having been appointed highway Surveyors for the town of Bethel and made oath that they would perform the duties of said office according to law

Before me L T Barker

Town Clerk

Town Meeting Aug 20 1870

To the Selectmen of the town of Bethel

We the undersigned inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs hereby request you to call a meeting of the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified as aforesaid to be held at the Town House in said Bethel on Saturday the twentieth day of August A D 1870 at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting
2. To See if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commisisoners to discontinue the road located from near Samuel Stanley's by David G Randall's to near Joshua Chase's dwelling house at the Middle Intervale and not yet opened.
3. To see what couse the town will take to protect the Southerly abutment or end of the bridge at Barker's Ferry
4. To See what action the town will take if any to protect the South Bank of Sunday River between Swan's Corner and Sunday River Bridge at the place or point where said rain is washing into the road between said places

Aug 9th 1870

Chas. H. gross

Ceylon Rowe

Ed C Rowe

Geo. A. Martin

Hiram Young

F. S. Chandler

A. B. Godwin

Oraile D. Clough

Saml H. Chapman

Jos. T. Chapman

D. Hammons

To Eber Clough Constable of the Town of Bethel

You are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bethel to meet at the Time and place and for the purposes above

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Specified

Bethel Aug 9 1870

G A Hastings

W. H. Goddard

Selectmen
of
Bethel

Bethel Aug 10th A.D. 1870

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein Expressed to assemble at said time and place and for the purpose therein named by posting up two attested copies of said warrant, one on the Meeting House near Beans Corner and one on the Post Office on Bethel Hill in said town on the 10th day of August being Seven days before said Meeting --- Said places being two public & conspicuous places in Said Bethel

Eber Clough

Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original petition warrant and the officers return thereon

A true copy

Attest

S. D. Philbrook

Town Clerk pro tem

Bethel Aug 20th 1870

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel legally qualified to vote in Town affairs met at the time and place therein appointed and the Meeting having been duly opened by E. Clough proceeded to business as follows

- 1st Made choice of Elias M carter Moderator to preside in said Meeting and he was duly Sworn by D. Hammons Justice of the Peace

In the absence of L. T. barker Town Clerk

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made choice of S. D. Philbrook Town Clerk pro tem and he was duly Sworn by the Moderator

- 2d On motion of D. Hammons voted to instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissoners to discontinue the road located from near Samuel Stanley's by Daniel G. Kendalls to near Joshua Chase dwelling house at Middle Intervale and not get opened

- 3d Voted to leave the protecting of the Southerly abutment or end of the bridge at Barkers Ferry in the hands of the Selectmen to do as they think best

- 4th Voted that the selectmen be authorized to Expend what money they think sufficent to protect the South Bank of Sunday River between Swan's Corner and Sunday River Bridge provided Joshua Swan pays Seventy five dollars to part pay Expense of protecting Said bank

Voted to adjourn with out date

A true record

Attest

S. D. Philbrook

Town Clerk pro tem

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-----Road Report-----

To the Court of County Commisssoners next to be holden at Paris, within and for the County of Oxford, on the day of November, A. D. 1866 at Paris aforesaid.

Respectfully represent the under signed, John S. Swan, John S Swan 2d, Alpheus Swan, Joshua Gossom, Nathaniel Swan and E Brown inhabitants of Bethel in Said County of Oxford, that pursuant to the petition of John S Swan, John S Swan Alpheus Swan, N. F. Brown, Stephen D Knight, Joshua Gossom, Nathaniel Swan A M Carter William Williamson, William L Carter, E B Goddard, M E Foster, Abial Chandler Jr. Abial Chandler, Hiram Hodden, E Brown, and I W Bean, Inhabitants of Bethel aforesaid, to the Selectmen of the said town of Bethel dated - August 15th 1866. Praying for the location of a town way, commencing on the lane leading to Joseph Hall and running a south-eastly couse to intersect the road near the foot of the hill East of John Garland's house. Said Selectmen did, after having given written notice of their intentions, and posted the same seven days at the Town house and at the school-house in school districts number Eleven in said town, both being public places in said town and in the vicinity of the said town way prayed for, which said notice contained a desception [description] of the proposed way, lay out said town way, as prayed in said petition beginning at a stake at the side of the Lane, thance South fifty three and one half (53 1/2) degs. East, six rods over land owned by Arthur D Holt thance Same course twenty four (24) rods to a stake: thance south thirty five and one half (35 1/2) degs. East twenty five (25) rods and Eighteen (18) links to a Stake; thance south, thirty three (33) degs. East fourteen (14) rods and fourteen (14) links over land of Joseph Holt's; thance same course fifty five (55) rods to a Stake at the side of the road over land of John Garland the line described to be the middle of the high way, and the highway

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to be three rods wide; and did under their hands under date of September 1st A D 1866, make and fill with the town clerk of said Bethel a written return of their proceedings as aforesaid containing the bound and adimeasurement of the said town way, and the damages allowed to each person for land taken, all of which return and there afterwards to wit; on the tenth day of September A D 1866, laid before the town in town meeting assembled, called by a warrant containing an article for that purpose, which said town did then and therein unreasonably refuse to accept the said

town way as laid as aforesaid.

Wherefore we the said John S Sanborn, John S Swan 2nd, Alphaus Swan, Joshua Gossom, Nathan Swan and E Brown inhabitants of said town of Bethel and owers [owners] of cultivated land therein, being agreved [aggrieved] by said refusal to accept said town way, respectfully pray your honors after due proceedings had, to proceed and view the said town way located by said Selectmen as aforesaid, and locate the same, and cause your proceedings to be recorded by your own clerk and the town Clerk of said town of Bethel and take such other steps in the premises as the law requires.

Dated at Bethel the twenty second day of October A. D. 1866

J S Swan 2nd and five others

State of Maine

Oxford. ss--- Board of County Commisisoners September session 1866 held by adjournment March 19th 1867.

Upon the foregoing petition satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedint it is ordered that the County Commessoners meet at the Dwelling House of John S Swan in Bethel, in said County, on Tuesday the eleventh day of June next, at ten of the clock A. M. and thance proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition; immedately [immediately] after which

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view a hearing of the parties and wittnesses [witnesses] will be had at some convenient place in vicinity and such other measures take in the premises as the Commissioners Shall Judge proper, and it is further ordered that notice of the time, place and purpose of the Commisisoners meeting aforesaid be given to all persons and corporations interested, by causing attested copies of said petition and of this order thereon to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Bethel in said County and also posted up in three public places in said town and published three weeks suceeingly in the Oxford Democrat a newspaper printed in Pairs in said County of Oxford the first of said notices, to be made, served and posted at least thirty days befor said time of meeting, to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and show couse if any they have, why the prayed of said petitioners should not be granted.

Attest W K Kimball, Clerk

A true copy of said Petition and order of Court person.

Attest W K Kimball Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Petition of John S Swan 2nd and order of Court thereon, we the County Commisisoners for the county of Oxford met the parties at the time and place, and for the purpose designated in said order; and it being then and there satisfactorily proved to us that all the notices named in said order had been duly and seasonably published, served and posted and that all the requirements thereof had been fully complied with, we therefore proceeded with the parties and viewed the route prayed for in said Petition and other routes and roads connected therewith; and

immediately after such view, at a convient place in the vicinity of said route, we gave a hearing to the parties and their witnesses.

And after a full hearing of all the facts testomony and arguments by those present, and having naturally considered the same, we were of the opinion, and adjudged and do hereby adjudge, and determine that "Common Convence [Convenience?] and Necessaty [Necessity?]" Do require the location as prayed for in said petition and that

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said town of Bethel did unreasonably refuse and delay to accept and allow said thurway as laid out by said Selectmen of Bethel and described in the location of said way filed in the Clerks Office of said town of Bethel, a certified copy of which and of the record of doings of said town therein, is herewith annexed and form a part of the records in the case and that the facts contained in the foregoing petition are true

And, in Pursuant of the Foregoing Adjudication, We, the County Commissoners aforesaid proceeded to make said location as following: Beginning at a stake at the side of the lane leading to Joseph Holt's in Bethel, thance S 55 ½ E. 6 R over land owned by Arther D Holt, thance said couse 24 R to a stake thance S. 35 ½ E 25 R 18 L to a stake thance S 33° E. 14 R 14 L over land of Joseph Holt and son thance 55 R to a stake at the side of the town road leading from Joseph Holt by John Garland's to John S Swan's in said Bethel.

Said location to be three rods wide and to lay equally on each side of the above described line. At each angle of the above location on the side thereof, we have set a staked marker "R" or marked a tree with that letter.

And we estimat and award to the individuals hereinafter named, the same set aganist their names, respectfully, as a full and just compensation and equivnlent [equivalent]for all the damages by them serverlly sustained, in consequences of said location, to wit:

To Joseph Holt & Joseph Holt Jr. one hundred Seventy five dollars	\$175.00
John Garland one hundred fifty dollars	\$150.00
Arthur D Holt Ten dollars	\$ 10.00

And in our opinion no other person sustain any damages by reason of said location; and if the persons above named or the owners of the land over which said location passes, are not the owners thereof then the owners, are to us unknown and the damages above ascertained are award to the real owners of said land.

And in Pursuance of the foregoing adjudication we the County commissoners aforesaid hereby accept and

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allow said turn way laid out and described as aforesaid and direct said laying out and the acceptance of the same together with the doings of the town of Bethel in the premises to be recorded by the Clerk of said town of Bethel in the records of said town, and it is further ordered that the Clerk of said Court be directed to cause to be deposited a copy of the foregoing and

proceeding thereon with the Clerk of said town of Bethel, and it is hereby further ordered that the inhabitants of said town of Bethel pay into the Treasury of said County of Oxford the sum of Fifty six dollars (\$56.) part of proceedings incurred by said County in the premises.

Given under our hands, this third day of Sept Anno domino 1867

Noah S Hubbard	}	County Commissioners
Elias M Carter		of the
C C Cushman		County of Oxford

A true copy of original on file

Attest W K Kimball
Clerk of Court Oxford County

Record Sept 3, 1870 and recorded in the Clerk Office in the town of Bethel and I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the petition and report as forwarded to the Clerks Office in the town of Bethel

Attest

L T Barker
Town Clerk

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-----September Meeting 1870-----

To Eber Clough, Constable of the town of Bethel. Greeting: -----

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said town of Bethel qualified as the Constitution requires to vote for representatives to assemble at the Town House in said town on Monday, the 12th day of September inst. at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for Governor, Representative to Congress, Senators, Sherriff [Sheriff], County Attorney [Attorney], County Commisсенors, County Treasurer, and a Representative to represent them in the Legislature of the State.

The Selectmen will be in Session at the Town House on Saturday the 10 inst. at 10 o'clock A. M. for purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands the first day of September A. D. 1870

G A Hastings	}	Selectmen
E G Wheeler		of
W H Goddard		Bethel

Bethel Sept. 3. 1870

Pursuant to the within Warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of Said

town qualified therein expressed to assemble at said time and place and for the purpose therein named by posting up two attested copies of Said warrant. One on the Meeting House near Beans Corner and one on the Post Office on Bethel Hill being two Public and conspicuous place in Said town on the third day of Sept. Inst. being Seven days before Said Meeting

Eber Clough
Constable of Bethel